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## STUDENTS SCOOP AWARDS



Sion James, British Council and Menna Davies, with her pupils from Maesteg Comprehensive School and a top award. (SEE FULL STORY ON PAGE 9).

## Bridgend man given restraining order

**CROWN COURT REPORT**  
by AJ SICLUNA

A GROUNDSMAN who armed himself with a retractable police baton when he went uninvited to the home of an ex-girlfriend, has been sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for 18 months at Cardiff Crown Court.

"You were angry and jealous. You are a man who does not like being rejected," said Recorder Wyn Lloyd Jones.

Simon McNerney (45) of Sunnyside, Bridgend, admitted possessing an offensive weapon.

He was also made subject to a supervision order for a year and ordered to carry out 200 hours unpaid work and to observe an 8pm-6am curfew for three months.

A restraining order was made preventing him contacting Anita Langdon and the baton was ordered to be destroyed.

Said the Recorder: "This was a serious offence. I've seen a photograph of that baton, and it's a frightening-looking thing."

"On January 3, you drank too much and went to see Miss Langdon. She didn't want to see you. You were refused entry and produced this baton and used it in a threatening way."

He said there was no telling what could have happened.

He also said that McNerney had a conviction for harassment with a similar background to this case.

"You can't behave as if you own other people. There is another side to you."

He said: "You are as responsible as anyone else for the position you are in, and at the age of 45, you have to grow up."

Prosecutor Jason Howells said that McNerney went to Miss Langdon's home in Coity Road, Bridgend, at about 7.55pm. She was in her bedroom feeling unwell.

McNerney had called to say he was going to the house and "problems were expected."

He spoke to a relation of Miss Langdon, before producing the weapon and barging into the house, shouting: "If anyone tries to stop me, I'll kill these \*\*\*\*\*"

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## Plans for Porthcawl's historic Jennings Building are unveiled

AN imaginative development project for Jennings Building in Porthcawl was announced recently.

If the plans come to fruition, the scheme could provide a major economic boost to the town – and improve the amenities for tourists.

(For full details of the plan, see page 5 of this week's GEM).

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## GEM READERS' LETTERS EXTRA

AN ENGLISH MAN WRITES....

### Don't make false assumptions about Welsh speakers

**A**s an English man, living in Kent who has learnt Welsh as a second language, I was astounded to find that I'm a Welsh Nationalist who votes Plaid Cymru – according to a letter written by Peter Reed last week in your online edition.

Well, I'm not and my many dear Welsh-speaking friends throughout Wales aren't either. They are people

of many varying political opinions.

It saddens me that your beautiful language and its culture can cause so much vitriol in your Principality.

Most visitors to Wales see the language as a positive plus and would not be disturbed by the languages profile being highly visible throughout Wales.

Personally, I would love everyone to be bilingual in your beautiful land; but that's up to you to decide.

Cymru Am Byth!  
Kim Erswell,  
Gillingham.

## POLICE AND THE MINERS

**A**s a senior police officer in the South Wales Police force during the miners' strike, I was appalled at the disgraceful statement made by the leader of Plaid Cymru, Leanne Wood, in the Sunday Times of March 1 that, "I always thought the police were there to protect the public, but the miners' strike changed that".

I should like to know on what evidence her thoughts are based, as during the strike, I took a contingent of officers

to the coal processing plant at Abercwmboi, where we upheld the law allowing miners to strike and protest, but also provided protection to those who invoked their human right to work, as some miners did.

Police officers, some of whom were injured, were there to protect the individuals' rights and freedoms no matter what their view, a fundamental democratic principle.

I, for one, will be interested to hear how, according to Ms Wood, the role of the police in protecting the public has, therefore, been changed.

Coun KJ Watts, Newton (Police Superintendent Rtd, Welsh Conservative).

## Simple answer for Post Office

**A**LTHOUGH I have commented before on the ludicrous situation of a town the size of Cowbridge not having a post office for almost a year, I feel compelled to comment again, this time in response to the article in The GEM on March 5, about businessman Sam Smith being reminded (warned?) by Royal Mail that he must ensure his franked mail is posted at his local Post Office.

Is the person even aware that Cowbridge no longer has a post office and that there is just ONE visible pillar box

in the whole town?

The problem faced by the numerous businesses in Cowbridge could be solved quite easily. When I worked for an international airline in Frankfurt, Germany in the '80s and '90s, franked company mail could be put in large red envelopes – supplied free of charge by the German post office authority – and then dropped in any Deutsche Post letterbox.

That way, it was already separated from regular stamped mail. Maybe someone ought to suggest that to Royal Mail, so that they find a way to make life easier for residents of Cowbridge, rather than sending out inexperienced post-down orders.

Cristel E John,  
Corntown.

# Calls for action on open cast 'blight' Parc Slip

**THE Bridgend MP, Madeleine Moon, pressed the UK Government to act over the disused opencast mine north of Bridgend during a debate to mark St David's Day in the Commons.**

On March 5 the House held a debate on Wales, as part of the annual St David's Day commemorations. MPs from across Wales raised issues of particular relevance to Wales with the Government, including the dairy

industry, health care and devolution.

Mrs Moon said she had taken the opportunity to raise with the Welsh Secretary the ongoing blight of the now derelict Parc Slip Margam open cast mine just north of Bridgend and the ongoing controversy over who exactly is responsible for restoring the site.

Speaking after the debate, Mrs Moon said: "This is the second time I've raised this issue in the Commons, and progress on it from the UK Government has

been too slow. We need, as a matter of urgency to know where responsibility lies for cleaning up the mess at Parc Slip Margam's open cast mine. The mine is a mile and a half scar on the valley floor. It is a blight on the environment, and it poses a risk to local children from across the area.

"With so many regulatory issues spanning decades, it's clear that this is a challenge where responsibility stretches from the private company involved and the local authority, to the governments in Cardiff and Westminster. What I really need is a commitment from all involved to find a durable solution and give our community the restoration they were promised."

During the debate, Labour's Shadow Welsh Secretary Owen Smith said: "I hope that when we, as a Labour

Government, succeed the present Government, we will pursue that issue with great vigour."

The Government's Secretary of State for Wales, Stephen Crabb, commented on the ongoing difficulties in resolving the issue: "I know she has worked hard on what is an incredibly difficult issue, but she has her teeth into it and we wish her every success in getting to the bottom of it."

The Secretary of State added that he was aware that Madeleine had: "Written to me about a matter we have talked about on at least two or three occasions. I apologise that the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills has not secured the meeting she wanted."

"We have been pushing on the issue and will continue to do so. I promise to try to make that meeting happen before Parliament wraps up for the general election."



Lesley and Hayley, who are running the new club.

## Two decades of service to disabled people is marked

**FEBRUARY saw a new drop-in club in Maesteg kick-start a year of activity for Trinity Care & Support, the local service for people with learning disabilities that is now 20 years old!**

The activities continued with Trinity Church in Porthcawl hosting a special service at 11am on Sunday, March 8 to celebrate two decades of specialist care in local communities.

Jackie Graham, TC&S Manager, explained: "It all started in response to an approach from the council and in 1995 the church set up 'Trinity Sitting Service'. Today, operating as Trinity Care & Support, we continue to provide short-break respite care for children and adults with disabilities, as well as a successful day club from its church base.

"Celebrations will continue with a series of events throughout the year to mark the 20-year milestone, including a formal gathering for its AGM on July 14, and a social evening at the Hi-Tide for friends and colleagues old and new on October 23."

TC&S is also extending new services to local communities.

The Saturday Club in Porthcawl has grown in popularity and TC&S wanted to replicate its success.

Already providing one-to-one respite support for disabled people across the borough, in response to a need for more daytime social activities, TC&S is extending its 'drop-in' opportunity for people 15 years and older into Central Church behind the Town Hall in Maesteg.

Trinity support staff are on hand with a range of activities, including arts and crafts, music, games and puzzles – and anything else that people might want to get involved with for a bit of fun! For an entry price of £5, doors are open from 1.30pm until 4.30pm each Wednesday and people will be welcomed with a smile, time for a cuppa or a snack, and a chance to make new friends.

Plans are in hand for a school holiday 'Seaside Activity Club' for mixed-ability children from the age of eight years and up, starting in Easter (April 9) at Trinity Church. Look out for Trinity Care & Support on Facebook, online at [www.trinitycareand-support.org.uk](http://www.trinitycareand-support.org.uk) or email [richard.trinitycands@gmail.com](mailto:richard.trinitycands@gmail.com) to find out more.

## Litchard's Louie is a top dog at the Crufts show



Mark Davies and Louie.

Picture by onEdition.

**A BRIDGEND dog owner was reveling in the "best win of his life" after leading his four-year-old Staffordshire Bull Terrier Louie to a top award at Crufts.**

Louie was one of 22,000 healthy, happy dogs at Birmingham's NEC for the annual dog show, presented by the Kennel Club, and claimed the prestigious Best of Breed award.

Owner Mark Davies, who lives in Litchard, fought off competition from a whole host of other dogs to scoop the

coveted prize.

Mr Davies (41) was left beaming with pride at his and Louie's performance at the world-famous Crufts: "I feel absolutely amazing, what more can you say? This is the best win of my life," he said.

"Crufts is brilliant, it's the best dog show in the world and to win here is amazing. I've been coming for the past 24 years and won tickets before but never this, it's unbelievable."

"Louie is great, we're inseparable and I'm so proud of him. He just loves to perform and enjoys being in front of a crowd."

## Who wants to build what and where?

Heineken Ltd – **Railway Tavern, Derwen Road, Bridgend** – Various signage to front of building including illuminated signage and LED floodlights.  
Mr Michael Devlin – 67 **Rushfield Gardens, Bridgend** – Reduce height of trees to rear of property by 30 per cent ((1989) OBVC no 09).  
Mr Graham Owen – 10 **Grassholm Way, Porthcawl** – First floor bedroom extension.  
Mr Charlie Waldron – 103 **Park Street, Bridgend** – First floor rear extension over existing kitchen.

Mr Henry Jones – **Minffrwd Stables, Rhiwceiliog, Pencoed** – Erection of day room/utility room for use in conjunction with gypsy pitch.

Welsh Government Department for Business Enterprise Technology and Science – **Lloyds TSB Call Centre, Pencoed Business Park, Pencoed** – Adapt and extend call centre to create multi-purpose advanced therapy medicinal products facility (ground floor).

Waterstone Homes and Hafod Housing – **Bayswater Tubes site, Heol y Feir, Pencoed** – Construct 47 dwellings and associated works (outline application).

Mr Danny Walker – 3 **Stable Lane, Pantygog, Bridgend** – Proposed single storey extension.

Alison Lewis – 94 **Victoria Avenue, Porthcawl** – Demolish existing rear extension and replace with new single storey rear extension.

Mr Gareth Danter-Hill – **Hemingford, Heol Eglwys, Pen-y-Fai** –

Second storey side extension above existing and extend existing extension to rear.

Ty Tanglwyst Farm Holiday – **Ty Tanglwyst Farm, Pyle** – Erect two storey building for holiday accommodation with associated landscaping, access and services.

Mrs Ceri Mordecai – 35 **Neath Road, Maesteg** – Double detached garage to bottom of garden.

Mr Mandy O'Hara – 37 **Litchard Park, Litchard** – Fence to side/back of property and fence to front.

Mrs Debra Meek – 3 **South Parade, Maesteg** – Two storey rear extension.

Mr K Barnard – 7 **Clevis Crescent, Porthcawl** – Proposed single storey extension to rear.

Mrs M Williams – Ty **Davian, Pantyrwyl** – Vehicular/pedestrian access and drive off principal route.

HSBC Banking Plc – 11 **Talbot Street, Maesteg** – Replace ATM machines with new models in same location.

Mr M Butler – 1 **Green Meadow, Cefn Cribwr** – Removal of conditions 4, 5 and 6 of appeal decision to retain the radio masts/aerials (ref P/11/923/FUL).

Mrs Sheila Griffiths – 102 **Newton Nottage Road, Porthcawl** – Second storey side extension above existing and extend existing extension to rear.

Ty Tanglwyst Farm Holiday – **Ty Tanglwyst Farm, Pyle** – Erect two storey building for holiday accommodation with associated landscaping, access and services.

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## HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL MARCH 19)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
12 Thur	09.59	8.7	22.22	8.5
13 Fri	10.43	8.3	23.15	8.1
14 Sat	11.47	7.9		
15 Sun	00.33	7.8	13.13	7.7
16 Mon	01.59	7.8	14.49	7.9
17 Tues	03.23	8.4	15.59	8.6
18 Wed	04.27	9.2	16.57	9.4
19 Thur	05.22	9.9	17.49	10.1

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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# Man (18) is in intensive care after park attack

**POLICE** have appealed for help from people in Porthcawl, after a young man from Barry was attacked in Trecco Bay caravan park.

Detectives are continuing their investigation into a serious assault on 18-year-old Connor Marshall (pictured) on Sunday.

He was attacked in the early hours of Sunday morning (March 8) at the caravan park in Porthcawl.

Connor was found outside a caravan at 7am and was taken to University Hospital Wales in Cardiff, where he was reported to be in intensive care.



On Monday, a police spokeswoman described his condition as "life threatening".

On Saturday night, he left the caravan park at 10pm with two friends. They visited a number of pubs in Porthcawl, and made their way back to the caravan at 1am.

Connor was wearing a blue grey Adidas jacket, grey Adidas trainers, black skinny jeans, and was carrying a Nike

shoulder bag. Supt Paul Hurley said that police were appealing for anyone in the area who might have information to contact them.

He added that, in his opinion, the injuries to Connor were so serious that someone may have shared information with family, a friend, or a neighbour.

*South Wales Police are appealing for anyone who may have seen or heard anything suspicious around the Cedars, Firs or Beeches areas in Trecco Bay between midnight and 8am on Sunday, March 8, to get in touch on 101.*

*Quote reference number 150080214. Alternatively, Crimestoppers can be called FREE on 0800 555 111.*

## 'Put council meetings online' – Plaid man's call

**PLAID CYMRU'S** prospective parliamentary candidate for Ogmore, Tim Thomas has renewed calls for

the BCBC to follow other local authorities across Wales and broadcast council meetings online.

"During 2013, every

council in Wales had been offered a Welsh Government grant of £40,000 to assist the promotion of local democracy and public engagement and to pay for measures like broadcasting meetings online. Over half of Welsh local authorities have been broadcasting council meetings for a number of years already including Cardiff and Monmouth – while many others will be following suit shortly," he said.

Mr Thomas wrote to BCBC's Andrew Jolley to ask for developments following receipt of the grant and reported that Mr Jolley responded by declaring 'significant progress' had been made – with several awareness sessions between officers and members, the council chamber being updated, and a pilot webcast having taken place.

Mr Thomas added: "I am pleased that some progress has been made since I originally campaigned on this issue in 2011.

"However, I would ask that the council stop dragging their feet and join the majority of Welsh local authorities who are already broadcasting council meetings.

"Not only would this improve local democracy and enhance engagement with the public, but this could save the council money by adopting tele-meetings rather than making officers and members attend meetings further afield."



Pupils, teachers and local dignitaries celebrate the opening of Llangynwyd Primary School's brand new playground.

## STAR CUTS RIBBON TO OPEN SCHOOL'S £13,500 PLAY AREA

**FORMER Britain's Llangynwyd Got Talent singing Primary School's star Paul Potts cut new £13,500 the ribbon at the playground last official opening of week.**

## Pyle man sentenced for fraud

**A LOCAL builder has been left counting the cost, after he admitted fleecing customers out of thousands of pounds for work that he failed to complete.**

Daniel Harold Milburn, of Collwyn Road, Pyle, convinced residents to hand over large sums of money as "deposits" for shoddy work that he never completed.

In a case brought by Bridgend County Borough Council's Trading Standards department, Milburn pleaded guilty to charges under the Fraud Act and was given a 20-week custodial sentence, suspended for 18 months.

Sitting at Cardiff Crown Court, his Honour Judge Neil Bidder QC also ordered Milburn to complete 180 hours of community service and to pay compensation to victims totalling £6,283, with a contribution of £2,000 to the authority's costs.

Passing sentence, Judge Bidder said that Milburn had been "robbing Peter to pay Paul" by playing one customer's payment off against another. He was clearly not good at running a business, and he had told his customers blatant lies which had resulted in significant harm, upset and misery being caused, the court heard.

Welcoming the result of the prosecution, the Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council, Coun Mel Nott OBE, said: "The conclusion of this case sends out the clear message that trading practices such as these, which have resulted in our residents being ripped off, will not be tolerated.

"During the investigation it became clear that customers were being lulled into a

false sense of security by the defendant making use of fictitious reviews from bogus customers. This is simply not acceptable."

*Anyone with concerns about rogue traders, or seeking advice on finding reputable tradespeople, should contact Trading Standards on 01656 642643; or by email via trading.standards@bridgend.gov.uk.*

It was attended by teachers, pupils and local dignitaries, including the Mayor of Maesteg, Coun Philip Jenkins; Llangynwyd councillor Malcolm James, Ogmore AM Janice Gregory and BCBC cabinet member for wellbeing, Lyn Morgan.

Last year, headteacher James Ridley and five brave members of staff took part in a sponsored climb of Snowdon, Cadair Idris and Pen-y-Fan in just 24 hours to raise money for the new facility.

The school's impressive fundraising campaign continued with a series of cake sales and tea and coffee mornings, and a Winter Wonderland-themed day, which included local arts and crafts stalls and appearances by Olaf and Elsa from the hit movie *Frozen*.

The school also received a £5,000 Lottery grant for the work, and James said they were now planning to extend the facility to include a sensory garden with musical instruments and wind chimes, as well as a wildlife garden next to it.

He added: "The main aim behind it is to improve children's physical literacy and give them further opportunity to develop key skills such as team work and problem solving. They also deserved it for all of their hard work throughout the year.

"The support has been absolutely fantastic and we've had a lot of encouragement from the local community, with parents, staff, and PTA members all getting on board and helping out.

"We feel that it's very important for our pupils to have facilities in place

at the school which they can use to stay fit and active during break times – after all, healthy bodies fuel healthy minds.

"I would like to thank our guests for coming along and helping us to open the new playground, and I would particularly like to thank all of the fundraisers, whose efforts have made this possible."

Coun Lyn Morgan, BCBC's cabinet member for wellbeing, added: "I was delighted to have been involved in the opening of Llangynwyd Primary School's new playground, and I would like to congratulate the teachers, pupils and members of the community who managed to secure the funding they needed to build it."

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## Gardening club

**LALESTON**  
Gardening Club is holding a table top sale at Grade II listed 'Cliff' Cottage, near Laleston parish church on Saturday, March 21 between 10am and 12pm.

There will be diverse quality goods for sale and craft stalls. The club has a thriving ladies' section, which meets on the first and third Tuesdays in the month at the same venue at 7.30pm, new members are always welcome.

**Gala concert**  
I HAD great pleasure in attending the Maesteg Community Hospital centenary gala concert a week ago.

The Maesteg Hospital League of Friends can be proud of the exceptional concert they had organised at the town hall.

The hall was packed and the compère Beverley Humphreys had obviously researched the history on the hospital, but had also studied the facts about the soloist, choir and the brass band entertaining the audience.

Soprano Charlotte Ellett was outstanding with an unbelievable vocal range for such a young singer.

She had started with the Glyndebourne Festival Opera, moving on to Welsh National Opera.

The choir Noteworthy (as Beverley Humphreys stated in her introduction) though only formed nine years

ago, under musical director Ryan Wood, is now one of the major mixed voice choirs in Wales.

The choir's accompanist for the evening was Rhiannon Williams-Hale, who stepped in as the regular accompanist had been taken ill. Rhiannon is the musical director of Bridgend Male Choir.

The music provided by the RAF St Athan band, under musical director Alan Bourne, was a perfect choice for this concert.

The band played two pieces with Noteworthy choir joining in and they combined perfectly.

Noteworthy also joined Charlotte Ellett in 'Climb Every Mountain' from *The Sound of Music*.

**Hunger lunches**  
IN support of Christian Aid, a lunch consisting of a bowl of soup, bread and a Welsh cake will be provided at Community church (the old Lyric cinema), Aberkenfig on Saturday, March 14 between 12.40pm - 1.15pm. Suggested donation £2.50, all money raised will be donated to the charity.

**Tondu school**  
TONDU Primary School is participating in the Big Pedal inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for the journey to school.

This year's competition will run until March 20.

## NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of *The GEM*:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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## Singer of the year

THE Maesteg Gleemen male voice choir which each year helps organise the Dunraven Windows 'Young singer of the year' competition at the town hall, announced that the adjudicators for the competition to be held on Saturday, March 28 are world famous opera star Rebecca Evans, Grant Llewellyn, and Callum Thomson.

The finals start at 6.30 pm at the Maesteg town hall.

**Cefn Cribwr**  
KENFIG Hill and District Male Voice Choir will be performing in a concert at Cefn Cribwr Community Centre (Green Hall) tomorrow, March 13 at 7pm.

Tickets £5, available from Mandy Baldwin (Email: lilacpage@sky.com, Mobile: 07917097975) or Mary Thomas (Email: mary\_eth1455@hotmail.com, 07733 254226).

For more information about the choir, visit [www.kenfigwelshmalechoir.org.uk](http://www.kenfigwelshmalechoir.org.uk).

**History talk**  
ON Friday, March 20 at 7pm there will be a

talk titled 'History in Your Hands' at St Tyfodwg's Church, Glynogwr by Mr Howard Williams (Glynogwr) covering the period from the Roman occupation to the 19th century.

The talk is free and light refreshments will be provided, but donations towards church funds would be welcome.

**Congratulations to Eira!**  
MRS Eira Paskin is receiving the Bridgend county borough Mayor's annual citizenship award in the council chamber today, March 12, for her contribution to choral singing in the borough.

She joined Ogmore Valley male voice choir as assistant accompanist approximately 16 years ago, and became musical director 10 years ago.

She has rarely missed a rehearsal since. Eira is also musical director of Cantorian Coety mixed choir and accompanied Cór Bro Ogwr which was formed to perform in the Welsh National Eisteddfod when it was held in the borough.

Though small in stature, Eira is a giant in the field of choral singing, and through her efforts the choirs have raised considerable sums of money for charities



Left to right: Rhiannon Williams-Hale, Ryan Wood and Charlotte Ellett.

and worthy causes, not only in the Bridgend area, but throughout the UK.

Well done, Eira, you deserve this accolade!  
**Welsh evening**  
AN evening of Welsh entertainment is being held at the Cefn Cribwr Community Centre on Wednesday, March 25 at 6pm.

It will include performances by local schoolchildren, harp music, Welsh comedy and a choir.

A donation from the evening's proceeds will be presented to Wales Air Ambulance.

Call Diana/Martin on 01656 856614/740026 or e-mail [mgoudge@sky.com](mailto:mgoudge@sky.com).

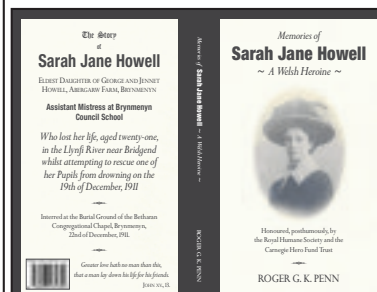
**Parents' forum**  
THE Tynrhyl Primary School headteacher is proposing to set up a parents' forum where a parent representative for each year group could come in once a half term to discuss ideas they would like to see implemented in the school.

The PTFA is organising a Mother's Day gift buying tomorrow, Friday, March 13, where children can buy a small present and all money raised will be donated to school funds.

Each week staff and children decide on a value for that week, and certificates are presented. The week before last the value was 'Kindness' and the winners were: Class 1 - Declan Rose for being kind to all classmates; Class 2 - Sam Whitefield for inviting a pupil to join his game when others wouldn't include them; Class 3 - Jasmine McCann for being very kind, working with another

pupil in literacy. 'Responsibility' was last week's value and the winners were: Class 1 - Ava Dixon for being a good helpw heddiw and taking responsibility for their jobs; Class 2 - Taylor McCann for making a big effort to bring reading books in and reading more at home; Class 3 - Madison Parry for taking responsibility for improving her own work in class and at home.

## Book recounts story of Welsh teacher's heroism



A BOOK has recently been released telling the story of Sarah Jane Howell, a school teacher aged 21 from Brynmynyn, who drowned in 1911 while attempting to save one of her pupils who had fallen into the overflowing Llynfi river.

Miss Howell was honoured, posthumously, by both the Royal Humane Society and the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust and, to this day, she is remembered at Brynmynyn Primary School each year, when the most achieving scholar is awarded the Sarah Jane Howell Award.

Of particular interest is the wealth of local historical detail that author, Roger G K Penn, the great-nephew of Miss Howell, has unearthed from his thorough research, such as the arrival of the Duke, Duchess and Princess of Teck, into Bridgend in the summer of 1888.

These distinguished

guests, otherwise known as Princess Mary, her husband Francis and daughter Princess Victoria Mary, were treated to the hospitality of Lord and Lady Dunraven at their castle residence.

Here is a brief extract from the story:

As can be expected, *The Glamorgan Gazette* of September 28, 1888 reported the story from the time the party stepped from the Paddington steam train onto the red carpet at Bridgend's packed railway station. There, horse-drawn carriages awaited, as did the Glamorgan Artillery.

Volunteers performed a gun salute, while street-lining crowds sported flags and banners, amidst archways and warm words of welcome. Wyndham Street, Dunraven Place, Caroline Street and Nolton Street all experienced the splendour of the procession before the royal cortege made its way to Southerndown.

*Memories of Sarah Jane Howell - a Welsh Heroine* is published by Penn-manship Projects and is available at book shops and on-line (ISBN 978-0-9931313-0-1).

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## County bans sky lanterns and balloons

THE Bridgend County Borough Council has become the latest Welsh local authority to ban the release of sky lanterns and celebratory balloons from council-owned land and property.

It states that there is increasing concern over the safety of sky lanterns, which are also referred to as Chinese lanterns. In 2013, a sky lantern sparked a large blaze which caused millions of pounds worth of damage at a recycling plant in the Midlands, while they have generated many false alarms after being mistaken for shipping flares in coastal areas.

Littering was a further negative impact, and there had also been reports of the lanterns causing damage to livestock who have become entangled or have eaten the debris.

"Sky lanterns are banned in several countries including

Austria, Australia and Germany. Although their use is not illegal in the UK, a number of local authorities including the Vale of Glamorgan, Cardiff, Caerphilly, Carmarthenshire, Conwy, Neath Port Talbot and Pembrokeshire don't permit their release on council property," said Coun Mike Gregory, BCBC's cabinet member for resources. "Sky lanterns have become increasingly popular in the last few years, but as the numbers of them being released has grown so too have concerns over their safety."

"Sky lanterns are potentially hazardous items as once one is launched there is no control over where it might land. Other councils have already imposed bans and we have decided to follow suit on safety grounds. We don't want to spoil the enjoyment of anyone celebrating a special occasion, but safety has to come first."

## Public meeting on future of site

THE Bridgend county borough and Neath Port Talbot councils will hold a public meeting regarding the former Margam open cast coal site on March 24 in the Talbot Community Centre, Kenfig Hill at 6.30pm.

A spokesperson said council officers will be on hand to give a brief update on the current position regarding the site and to answer any planning related questions. The former site operator and the current owners will also be invited to attend.

BCBC recently confirmed its stance that no more coal should take place at the site, which is near the communities of Kenfig Hill, Pyle and Cefn Cribwr, and that urgent action needs to be taken to address the high water levels there.

The council's

development control committee also agreed to investigate options for making the site safe using existing restoration funds.

Coun Phil White, cabinet member for communities, said: "Since coaling operations ended in 2008, this council has been one of the parties involved in discussions to consider the restoration, long term safety and future use of the Margam open cast site."

"While the complete restoration of the site cannot be achieved via the planning enforcement process for various reasons, our main priority is to make it safe and to deliver a solution that will definitely not involve any further coaling operations. The site has been a concern for residents for a number of years and this public meeting will give members of the local community the chance to discuss a way forward."



# New development could transform the look of Porthcawl harbour area



ABOVE: The GEM's best guess at showing how the artist's impression (right) looks at the moment. Unfortunately, the tide was out when the photo was taken

**FOR years, Jennings Building on Porthcawl Harbour has been a problem for the town, as it fell into disuse.**

Only 10 days ago, I bumped into a friend from Cowbridge who was enjoying some fish and chips on the seafront and he said: "Why can't you knock down that monstrosity?"

I had to explain that it was in fact, a Grade II listed building – but plans have now been put forward to keep the historic building, put it to good use, and revitalise that area of Porthcawl.

Last week, Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) announced a successful bid for the conversion and redevelopment of the building by south Wales-based developers ABA Holdings.

The redevelopment

plans include a 'theatre' style kitchen restaurant complete with a full height atrium, as well as further smaller cafés and food establishments with views overlooking the sea.

Thirteen units will also be created on the first floor which will be suitable for both living and working – each unit will combine office space suitable for small creative industries, together with a loft bedroom area on the mezzanine floor.

A BCBC spokesman said that the proposals were subject to planning approval, but that ABA Holdings had been selected as the preferred bidder for Jennings Building following a tender process.

BCBC Leader Mel Nott OBE said: "We are absolutely delighted to be able to announce these exciting plans for a building which is part of

by **PHILIP IRWIN**

the fabric of Porthcawl's history.

"The development will bring with it up to 30 local jobs during construction and in excess of 80 permanent jobs when completed. There is no role more important for this council than promoting jobs and growth in all its communities.

"The restoration of the Jennings Building forms an important part of our ongoing regeneration plans for the town.

"This announcement follows the completion of Porthcawl Marina last year as well as the recent news that the Porthcawl Harbourside Community Interest Company has been awarded money from the Coastal Communities Fund to help them develop plans for a new maritime centre."

Coun Nott added: "We will also soon be making an announcement regarding the Porthcawl Townscape Heritage Initiative which will see a number of historic buildings around the harbour and square restored to their former glory using traditional materials and methods.

"I am pleased that we have reached this phase of Porthcawl's regeneration and I hope that local residents will

be excited by the plans for the Jennings Building."

Just why is Jennings Building listed? Built in 1832, it is widely considered to be one of the few remaining early dockside warehouse buildings from its era in south Wales.

It was originally constructed as the southern terminus of the Dyffryn Llynfi Porthcawl horse-drawn tram road, which was used to transport iron and coal from the Llynfi Valley.

The building's name dates from 1911 when it was used by the timber importers Jennings and Co. In more recent years, it has also been used as an indoor skating park.

The BCBC spokesman said: "Penarth-based ABA Holdings, led by Simon Baston, have a strong track record and specialise in transforming listed and historic buildings such as the Albert Road Methodist Church in Penarth, and the pioneering conversion and redevelopment of the listed warehouse known as J Shed on the SA1 development in Swansea.

"They have also been appointed by the Vale Council to work on the conversion of the Grade II listed Pump House in Barry, and the company is also involved with the redevelopment of St Fagans National History

Museum.

"The council is now keen to work towards an early exchange of contracts for the redevelopment and sale of the Jennings Building, subject to planning permission being granted. If approved, renovation work will begin in Autumn 2015 ready for an anticipated opening date in early 2016".

The Porthcawl Harbourside Community Interest Company is hoping to develop a maritime centre nearby, just across the green, and spokesman Mike Clarke welcomed the news.

He said that Porthcawl Harbourside had put their own bid in, but were happy to lose out to a privately-funded enterprise that was a solid proposal.

He said: "We were concerned that it might go to a speculator who would just board it up.

"However, this scheme is very much complementary to what we hope to create.

"We would hope to sit down and establish a good working relationship with ABA Holdings."

He concluded: "The important thing is to make things happen that stimulate the economic life of Porthcawl.

"Developments such as this will help to attract further developments."



An artist's impression of the interior of Jennings Building.

## Brynteg team takes top spot

**STUDENTS from Brynteg School beat off competition from five other local teams to win the south Wales heat of ICAEW's national business and accounting competition.**

Brynteg School impressed the judges and will go on to represent south Wales at the national final which takes place in Birmingham in June. This was one of 46 heats attracting nearly 3,000 students around the country.

BASE links schools, students and employers to develop employability skills and provide an insight into what a career in accountancy, business and finance might be like. Assuming the role of ICAEW Chartered Accountants, the students had two hours to analyse a business situation, before presenting their ideas to a panel of top business professionals.

Martin Warren, ICAEW Regional Director for Wales, said:

"We were really impressed with the team's performance and shrewd thinking. These budding business advisers looked beyond the numbers, they also showed they had an excellent instinct for business and ethics in order to give well-rounded advice.

"I expect I'll be seeing more of these young people in leading roles in the future."

Head judge Dr Jared Davies, of the University of South Wales, said: "In the presentations, we looked for the ethical and financial data to support the decisions. Brynteg School showed excellent teamwork and role allocation in delivering a very comprehensive recommendation.

"The team from Gower College Swansea were runners-up and all teams can be rightly proud of their achievements in dealing with a very challenging business game."

The BASE competition was sponsored by the University of South Wales and held at the Treforest Campus.

## 'Local choir were the perfect hosts'

**CANTORION Coety were the guests of Ogmere Valley Male Voice Choir at their recent St David's Day celebrations, at Ogmere Vale Bethlehem Centre.**

The whole evening of traditional Welsh music and fare was thoroughly enjoyed by both choirs and a full audience.

The Ogmere Vale Choir members and officials were the perfect hosts, having decorated the hall in Welsh flags and bunting, and for good measure they served everyone during the interval with lamb cawl and traditional vegetables, followed by bara brith and Welsh cakes.

Their hard work and preparations had paid off, since everyone attending had clearly appreciated the whole experience.

The music programmes of both choirs also reflected the mood of St David's Day. The Ogmere Vale men opened their programme with 'Calon Lan', then amongst other items they sang 'Hafan Gobaith' and 'Rachie'.

The Ogmere choir also had the services of Catrin Eleri Jenkin, as a soprano soloist, she joined the choir to sing 'Bendigedig' by Welsh composer Robat Arwyn.

Cantorion Coety were warmly received by the audience. They also sang well-known pieces including the Welsh hymn 'Pantfyedwen', written by the late W Rhys Nicholas of Porthcawl, and a rousing rendition of 'Safwn yn y Bwlch'.

The evening ended with everyone joining forces to sing 'Moliannwn' and the Welsh National Anthem.

**Alun Roberts Jones, (publicity officer), Cantorion Coety,**



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# Pencoed College Equestrian Centre plays host to the noble sport of carriage racing

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COMPETITORS from all over Wales and also from parts of England made a beeline last Sunday (March 8) for Pencoed College.

They were competing in various classes of carriage racing, and spectators were much impressed by the nimbleness of the horses, as they negotiated some tricky courses, and also by the horsemanship of the drivers.

Carriage racing only ever seems to attract TV coverage when the Duke of Edinburgh is competing – and in truth the Duke's competitive days may be behind him now.

Nevertheless, the sport remains a compelling test of skill, performed at high speed by expert competitors!



## TORY CALL FOR INQUIRY INTO THE NHS IN WALES

**NOTICED that Michael Sheen flew in from Los Angeles to join the march at Tredegar to 'save' the NHS, accompanied by a brace of Labour MPs.**

Labour present a very misleading picture on the NHS in Wales. If the Welsh NHS needs to be saved from anyone, it is from Welsh Labour. To anyone with an open mind, could I please re-iterate the facts of how our Welsh NHS, for which we pay through our taxes, has been mismanaged and damaged by Welsh Labour.

The first critical point is that the NHS in Wales is run by Labour and has been for some 15 years since 1999. The under-performance against other parts of the UK is due to Labour mismanagement of the service.

Moreover, it was Welsh Labour that took a decision to cut £800m from the NHS budget. Although there have been reductions in government spending throughout the UK (and this was necessary because of the state of the public finances when Labour left office in 2010), NHS expenditure has been protected in other parts of the UK.

The Conservative-led Government in Westminster provided the funds for the same to happen in Wales but Welsh Labour decided to use the money elsewhere.

We are committed to an NHS that is free at the point of use. The growth rate of private sector usage has halved under this Government.

Charities, social enterprises and other providers of healthcare – like Macmillan Nurses – continue to play an important role in the NHS, with local doctors and nurses in clinical commissioning groups deciding who can best provide care for their patients.

I am calling for an independent inquiry into the way Labour run the NHS in Wales.

**Meirion Jenkins, Bridgend**  
(Conservative parliamentary)

## WHAT'S ON / in brief

### Lib-Dem advice

WELSH Lib Dem AM for south Wales west, Peter Black, will hold an advice surgery on Friday, March 13 in Pyle Life Centre from 2pm to 3pm. No appointment is necessary.

### Charity lunch

ON the first day of spring (March 21) the local committee for Cancer Research will be holding their spring lunch at the Hi Tide Inn, Porthcawl at 1pm.

Choice of menu; tickets available £8. Telephone Diane Jones on 01656 784762 to reserve ticket.



# SCOUTS WILL BENEFIT FROM MUM'S MARATHON EFFORT



ABOVE: Liz Davis with the 1st Pencoed Scouts. (Photograph by Mandythomasphotography.co.uk)



ABOVE: Liz Davies with her two sons, in her running vest bought for her by the Scouts. (Photograph by Mandythomasphotography.co.uk)

**LIZ DAVIS**, a keen runner, is preparing to raise funds for the 1st Pencoed Scout Group by running the London Marathon.

When asked about her run, Liz said: "After six years of trying, I have finally been lucky enough to get a place in the London Marathon. "It isn't linked to a charity but I decided it would be a waste to run 26.2 miles and not raise some money."

"I wanted to look locally and my husband suggested our local Scout Group where not only is he a leader, but our two sons attend."

"So on April 26 this year, I will be running the London Marathon for the 1st Pencoed Scout group. "Wish me luck!"

The picture shows Liz in a Scout running top given to her by the group, with her two sons.

If you'd like to donate towards this very worthy cause, visit <http://1stpencoedscouts.wix.com/home>

## Pair win national Bridge event

**THE Porthcawl Duplicate Bridge Club** held a heat of the WBU St David's Day simultaneous pairs, in which the same hands are played at a number of clubs in the principality, and scored centrally.

The local heat winners, and also the national winners, were Keith Davison and Tony Haworth.

During the month, a presentation on 'Two-Suited Overcalls' was given to members.

The latest results are: Saturday, February 21: first – Trish Saunders and Wendy Williams; second – Colin and Hazel Heard.

Thursday, February 26: first – Tony Haworth and Keith Davison;

second – Roger Draper and Mary Fletcher.

Saturday, February 28: first – Peter and Sandie Jenkins; second – Kate Craven and Terry Dolan.

Monday, March 2: first – Trish Saunders and Pat Haworth; second, Peter Bennett and Jean Hughes.

Thursday, March 6: St David's Day simultaneous pairs – first, Tony Haworth and Keith Davison.

The club meets three times a week – Saturday and Thursday at the Awel-y-Mor centre, and Monday at the Glamorgan Holiday Hotel – 7pm–10.15pm; visitors welcome at any time.

To contact the club, call secretary Trish on 01656785794.

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## Sport Wales awards £70,000 funding to the county borough



BCBC's sport networks co-ordinator, Gareth Walters, with Sport Wales vice-chair Adele Baumgardt (centre) and RCT Homes' Catryn Grundy at the National Velodrome in Newport, where the new funding scheme was announced.

**BRIDGEND county borough is to receive £70,000 Lottery funding to help improve sporting opportunities for disabled people.**

BCBC is one of 10 organisations to share £2.35m of National Lottery funding from Sport Wales' new 'Calls4Action' grant scheme to tackle inequalities in sport.

The council's project will focus on creating sustainable community opportunities, developing skills and

confidence in volunteers supporting disabled people, improving the information that is available for disability sport and giving disabled people more choice regarding the activities they would like to take part in.

It is the only local authority in Wales to have been supported by the scheme and worked with partners including Heronsbridge School, Ysgol Bryn Castell, BAVO, Y Bont, Barnardo's and Halo Leisure in developing its bid for funding.

Cabinet member for wellbeing, Coun Lyn Morgan, said: "This is fantastic news. We already work hard to provide inclusive sport within our communities and identify opportunities for disabled people such as inclusive zone basketball in schools and various activities for visually impaired people including yoga and spinning classes."

"With this extra funding we can build on the progress we have already made to provide even more opportunities which encourage disabled people to get involved with sports and physical activities."

horrific and seem to take place in cultures and countries far away from Britain and nothing to do with the laws and standards of this country. Sadly, this is far from the truth: my inbox this weekend has 16 emails from local women urging me to support The Modern Slavery Bill. The Bill contains an amendment which could end a regime that "licences modern slavery" by making entry into the UK conditional on working for a named employer on the entry visa. The Bill returns to the Commons on March 17, and attempts will again be made to change the law to allow domestic workers to change employers without facing deportation. Sadly, we know that many domestic workers, who work and live in private homes, have been refused wages and food, kept imprisoned and abused. They are afraid to leave their employer who may well have taken their passport and have been told they will be deported home in dishonour if they leave. It seems impossible to believe that we tolerate such behaviour in the UK. But we do. Where do we start to tackle the problems faced by women worldwide? One of the calls is for the UK to open its door to women who have experienced sexual violence in Syria. The aim is to give women the opportunity to build a new life away from the dishonour that could lead to her being killed by her family for being raped. Such crimes are

# Around the world many women dream of a life without fear...

**A**S I write, today is International Women's Day and as you read this, we will be looking forward to Mother's Day.

Cards will be sent, flowers bought, Sunday lunches cooked – two weekends where the focus is on women.

For most women locally, the first occasion will have passed them by and the second will be a day for family celebration. But around the world, for many women, International Women's Day is important as they dream of a life without fear.

A recent briefing from Amnesty International starts with the grim fact that one out of every three women worldwide has been beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused in her lifetime. Millions of women and girls suffer disproportionately from violence both in peace and in war, at the hands of the state, in the home and community. Across the globe, women are beaten, raped, mutilated, and killed with impunity. Gender-based violence stems from the failure of governments and societies to recognize the human rights of women.

We have watched in horror as women have been abducted from schools by Boko Haram in Nigeria and Yessidi women taken by ISIS in Syria and sold as sex slaves. Even more horrifying is that young girls brought up in Britain could see travelling across Europe to join ISIS as attractive.

Where do we start to tackle the problems faced by women worldwide? One of the calls is for the UK to open its door to women who have experienced sexual violence in Syria.

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## WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

**Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON** writes an exclusive column from Westminster for The GEM.



domestic abuse affects 1.4 million women, of which seven a month will be murdered by their partner. One in five women aged between 16-59 will experience sexual assault. We are not doing well.

The cuts to public service have impacted badly on women in the UK. Cuts to Sure Start in England have impacted on women as have the rising costs of child care and cuts in social care.

Despite equal pay legislation and equal opportunities commissions, the reality remains that it is still women who carry the majority of the burden for child and elder care. It is also women who work in these areas, often on zero hour contracts, that are paid the national minimum wage.

I don't want to leave this article on a negative note. There is much we still need to fight for, for women both locally, nationally and internationally. But there are bright sparks of success where women shine through in areas that have typically been dominated by men.

Recently, I met Jessica Fortt in Westminster. You may well have read about Jessica, who is the manager of Dunraven Stud in Pyle. If ever there is a positive story, it is hers.

She has fought personal adversity to manage a small stud in Wales – not Newmarket, not a multimillion pound stud with famous stallions and breeders. Yet she went on to win, not only the stud staff award, but also the employee of the year award. The first time that one person has won both of these awards.

Jessica acts as an example for all women who want to enter and achieve a male dominated work place.

So on Mother's Day, thank your mother for all she has done for you. Thank her for the standards and values she passed on to you and raise a glass to women around the world, who continue to fight for a chance to achieve their very best and to raise their children, free from fear.

Women in the UK earn 81p for every £1 a man earns, despite having the vote for 93 years and universal education for even longer.

## First Minister was Assembly tour guide!

**PORHCRAWL Art Society, along with members of Porthcawl Museum, were recently invited to visit the Senedd by First Minister Carwyn Jones, AM for Bridgend.**

During the tour, the First Minister found time to give a talk on the workings of the Assembly, and also answered questions.

The group had a very good day and would like to thank the First Minister and the National Assembly staff for making it possible.

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## Three choirs' success... But the children are the real stars!

THE choir of Oldcastle Primary School stole the show in a charity concert for St John's House Trust at the weekend. Two years ago they heard Bridgend Male Choir singing Cy Coleman's 'Rhythm of Life', enjoying its wordy lyrics and catchy tune and were determined to learn it for a future event.

Under the School's head of music, Ros Stapleton, the pupils did just that, thrilling the full house at Brynteg Comprehensive Lower School and receiving lengthy acclamation.

The rest of their programme was also very well delivered. Well done, children!

Guest ladies' choir, the hugely talented Vocelle, sang a number of items under conductor Meryn Williams. Particularly enjoyed were

from the musical *Chess* - 'I Know Him So Well'; in Welsh, 'Suo Gan' and the jazzy 'Fever', which had a number of the year-3 and 4 schoolchildren dancing in their seats.

Bridgend Male Choir entertained with a varied programme and with their music team of MD, Rhianon Williams-Hale and accompanist Stephanie Bailey, coped well with a challenging stage set-up.

Tenor soloist Paul Carter was on top form with 'Bui Doi' from *Miss Saigon*, as were the men's and ladies' choirs together in a rousing joint finale of Arwel Hughes' 'Tydi a Roddaist'. Compere Gareth Davies pulled the show together with his usual knowledge and wit.

Ken Hinton of the trust was effusive in his praise of this third three choirs concert and reminded all that St John's House is available for visits on the last Saturday of the month, when the public are made welcome. **DAVID BURT**

## Bridgend College students' insight into building career



The group of students outside a house at a Waterstone Homes site in Cardiff.

AS part of the JEHU group's commitment to nurturing the next generation and its on-going partnership with Bridgend College, construction students spent the day visiting a working city-centre development, a completed housing development and the JEHU office headquarters.

A spokeswoman reported that the students first visited a project in central Cardiff where they were given details of the high degree of planning

required to overcome challenging logistic issues on some developments.

They were then shown a number of construction techniques and on site activities by visiting a Waterstone Homes development in Morgantown.

A visit to the JEHU offices in Bridgend allowed the students to look at the wide-range of job roles and support activities that happen behind-the-scenes.

Students were also able to question current management trainee Kieran Lynch. Kieran has worked his way up the ranks within JEHU having started as a bricklayer. He was able

to offer invaluable insight into both the physical and skills based aspects of the construction industry, in addition to the assistant site management role he now fulfils.

Gwilym Hughes, HR strategic business manager at JEHU Group who led the day, said: "The experience allowed students to see the wide range of activities carried out by the JEHU Group by giving them some very real insights into what they can potentially do once qualified."

"What we really wanted to reinforce was that there is a job for everyone within our industry. It isn't just

about bricklaying or plumbing, there are also many opportunities within finance, planning and design."

Ian Betty, lecturer at Bridgend College, commented: "Thanks to commitment from companies like JEHU, events like these are an effective way to encourage the next

generation of construction industry workers.

They help to enhance student skills, knowledge and industry awareness and for them to see the wider opportunities available to them. We look forward to working with JEHU on similar events."

### QUIZ DOUBLE

**BOTH** Quiz teams playing for Laleston Inn have reached the finals of the Bridgend & District Quiz League's Knock-Out Cup and Plate. This is thought to be the first time a village inn has provided both finalists in this prestigious annual competition.

Proprietor Arthur Harris was reported to be "delighted".

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## Budget will be live in Bridgend

**BRIDGEND Business Forum, supported by BCBC, is bringing the House of Commons to the Best Western Heronston Hotel and Spa, Ewenny Road on Wednesday, March 18, when the Chancellor's Budget will be streamed live from Parliament.**

During a business lunch organised in partnership with forum members Station Financial (Wales) Ltd, local enterprises will watch the Chancellor's statement live, and a panel of financial experts will give their opinions on what the measures will mean for companies.

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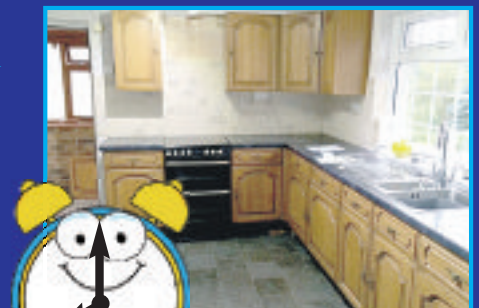
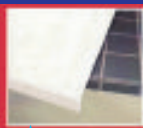
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# County students gain awards for international work in the classroom



Bridgend College students received the Dolen Art award from artist Sharon Flint.

**MAESTEG Comprehensive, Sandfields Comprehensive, Coed Hirwaun Primary and Bridgend College all won awards at the International Awards ceremony in Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff recently.**

The annual awards recognise excellent teaching with an international dimension in Welsh schools and colleges and are organised by British Council Wales – sponsored by the Welsh Government as part of the British Council international education programme

Maesteg Comprehensive won the best use of emerging technologies award for its use of technology to communicate with partner schools in Uganda, Pakistan and Taiwan.

Bridgend College students won the Dolen Arts Award for work around Fairtrade and their Fairtrade-inspired hip hop song 'In My Shoes'.

The director of British Council Wales, Jenny Scott, said: "The International Awards ceremony highlights the successes of schools and colleges that are helping their students take their place as global citizens."

"It's important for schools and colleges to bring an international dimension to their

classrooms. We believe that giving young people an international perspective helps encourage them to become global citizens, giving them a window onto new cultures and countries, as well as sparking an interest in learning languages."

"International projects are also beneficial to teachers, introducing them to new practices and perspectives."

Helen Lewis, travel and tourism lecturer at Bridgend College, said: "A fantastic day was had by all our learners at the awards. They are very grateful to the British Council and Dolen Cymru for the opportunities made available to them in relation to international activities."

At the ceremony, pupils took part in workshops, including slam poetry with Wales' young people's poet laureate Martin Daws, and making musical instruments from recycled material with musician Francesca Dimech, who has worked with street musicians in Brazil.

They also met polar explorer Antony Jinman and worked with artist Sharon Flint to create an artwork inspired by the annual migration of swallows from Wales to Lesotho.

## 'Give up smoking with our help'

**FOLLOWING No Smoking Day on March 11, Tenovus Cancer Care would like to encourage any readers who would like advice or support on how to stop smoking to 'Quit with Us'.**

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**Claudia McVie, chief executive, Tenovus Cancer Care, Cardiff.**

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# Alice tackles marathon after cancer treatment

**A ST ATHAN cancer survivor is rising to one of the UK's biggest sporting challenges – just months after completing chemotherapy following her second cancer diagnosis.**

Alice Roythorne (38), will be taking part in this year's Virgin Money London Marathon (VLM) on Sunday, April 26 for Cancer Research UK – the event's official charity partner.

She is raising funds to help beat cancer sooner and is encouraging anyone who already has a place in the prestigious event to unite with her in the fight against the disease by joining Cancer Research UK's running team.

Mum of one Alice, who works in Cardiff, hopes that together, they will raise as much money as possible for life-saving research to help more people survive, and has also made a special video to show her reasons for tackling the challenge:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AHImHeeznLo>.

She said: "Cancer Research UK is very close to my heart. I was shocked and devastated when I was diagnosed with cancer, but thanks to research, I am still here today."

"By raising money through the Virgin Money London Marathon, I want to help the charity ensure more people, like me, are treated successfully."

Alice initially found out she

had Hodgkin's Lymphoma while she was pregnant in 2003. Her sister Heather and father Alan have both been diagnosed with different forms of the disease too.

Alice, whose daughter Macie is now 10, was nearing 10 years free from cancer when she was re-diagnosed in 2013 and started a year of treatment for Ewing's sarcoma.

In 2003, she had gone to the doctor with a lump on her neck and was sent for further tests. She and her partner John had been trying for a baby in the previous months and found out she was pregnant just days before the biopsy result.

"They only asked me once what I wanted to do about the baby. Once I told them, they were fantastic and did everything they could to help both of us," she said.

Alice had another scan just before Christmas and underwent three months of radiotherapy on her neck, during which she wore a lead apron to protect the baby. Macie was born in the summer of 2004 and Alice went on to have more treatment.

Alice explained: "Six weeks after Macie was born, I started chemotherapy. Coping with the demands of a newborn baby and undergoing chemotherapy was not easy, but my family were a great help."

When she was re-diagnosed in 2013, it was a real shock.

She said: "It took a long time to be diagnosed the second time – it is rare for adults to be

diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma and they did a lot of tests. I had to have an urgent hysterectomy, followed by 14 cycles of chemo over 10 months and five weeks of radiotherapy."

"I finished treatment in February 2014 – it had been an exhausting year but I have always liked doing challenges and did the Race for Life Pretty Muddy event in the summer, followed by the Welsh Three Peaks later in the year."

"But it has been a huge step to sign up to the Virgin Money London Marathon. I am delighted to be part of it but the training has been tough – I have already had to run further than I have ever run before."

"It's so motivating to know that the money I raise is helping to bring forward the day when all cancers are cured. I can't wait to get to the start line and I am counting down to the big day."

A field of over 40,000 competitors, including serious and fun runners, are expected to take part in the 2015 Virgin Money London Marathon.

As official charity partner for the event, Cancer Research UK is hoping to recruit its biggest team ever and raise around £2.5 million.

For more information on Cancer Research UK's running events, visit: [www.cruk.org/support-us/find-an-event-or-to-join-the-charity's Virgin Money London Marathon team](http://www.cruk.org/support-us/find-an-event-or-to-join-the-charity's-Virgin-Money-London-Marathon-team), visit: [cruk.org/marathon](http://cruk.org/marathon).

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approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've

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# THE WELSH MAN WHO GAVE PI TO THE WORLD

**LOCAL youngsters are being called on to celebrate the first 'Pi Day Cymru' this week and have fun with maths, to honour the Welshman who gave Pi to the world.**

The Americans have been celebrating March 14 as National Pi Day since 1988 and other countries have followed suit since then, acknowledging the pivotal role pi has played in engineering and technology.

But this year for the first time, Wales is staking its unique claim

to the day by remembering Welsh-speaking mathematician William Jones who, in 1706, was the first person to use the Greek letter  $\pi$  or pi to represent the mathematical constant, which enables us to measure the circumference and area of circles.

Pi is an infinite decimal and not even the most powerful computers have managed to calculate its exact value but, for years, people have had fun trying to memorise as many of its digits as they can.

The idea for Pi Day Cymru came from retired professor Gareth Ffowc

Roberts, who has received the official backing of the Welsh Government, eager to whet young people's appetite for maths by taking on Pi Day challenges and organising fun activities to mark the date.

The first three digits of pi are 3.14 which in the American calendar equates to March 14. This year is special; because the next two digits of pi are 15, so that 3.1415 equates to March 14, 2015. There are exact times during the day - 9.26 and 53 seconds (am and pm) - which correspond to the first 10 digits of pi: 3.141592653.

Said Professor Roberts: "Because this happens only once every 100 years it's an ideal time for Wales to get involved and to said.

remember our nation's role in giving pi to the world. William Jones' recognition of the importance of pi and of its special properties proved to be a significant advance. Mathematicians, scientists and engineers keenly took up the idea, which had a major impact on the development of technology across the world at the dawn of the industrial revolution."

"They might want to video themselves doing a pi memory test - in English or in Welsh, William Jones's first language - or maybe young people could use pi to calculate the circumference of circular landmarks in their own localities and post pictures on Facebook or other social media," he said.

## NEW EMMAUS STORE OPENS

**THE Emmaus store on Cowbridge High Street will be officially opened by the Mayor at 9.30am on March 18.**

"Emmaus was founded in 1949. A worldwide movement, it offers an alternative to homelessness by providing people with a home, work and companionship, to help them to regain their self-esteem," a spokeswoman explained.

The charity already has shops in Maesteg, Porthcawl and Neath and a shop and

superstore in Bridgend.

Later this year it will open a new Emmaus south Wales

'Community' for 23 people in a renovated former sheltered housing building in Bridgend.

Director Tom Clarke commented: "Now we can provide bargains for Cowbridge shoppers, which boosts our plans to help homeless people in south Wales back onto their feet."

Emmaus South Wales won the Bridgend Business Forum Award for the 'Social Enterprise of the Year' in 2014.



Guests at All Saints' get together to create a 'Smile' for Safer Internet Day.

## Starring role for eCadets in transAtlantic film premiere

**PUPILS at All Saints' C/W Primary School in Barry recently received star billing - when their film premiere was released to an international audience.**

Safer Internet Day linked children from several countries in raising awareness of how the internet can be developed as a safe place.

A special promotional film was launched in schools across Wales, the UK and America and the special screening in Barry was watched

simultaneously at Google's headquarters in the USA!

All Saints' school was chosen by Childnet to help promote Safer Internet Day because of the success of its 'eCadets' scheme. The pupil team is part of the nationwide eCadet scheme, which trains and supports children to help them keep their friends, parents and community safe online.

Last month, the team members were the only Welsh pupils to star in the trailer which launched national Safer Internet Day in schools across the UK. The Deputy Minister for Technology and Skills, Julie James AM, attended the Wales launch, along with guests from the Welsh Government, the Vale Council, Llandaff Diocese and pupils from other schools.

Deputy head teacher Aled Williams said: "The day offered the opportunity to highlight the positive uses of technology and explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community."

Canon Edwin Counsell, the Diocesan director of education, also attended the launch event and commented: "The internet is shaping their learning and the lives of children in schools today."

"I'm delighted to see the children from All Saints and in so many schools developing these essential skills for life."

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# Primary School 'thrilled' with inspection report



Wales women's international footballers Sophie Ingle (left) and Natasha Harding (right) with pupils from Abercerdin Primary School.



Abercerdin Primary School pupil Emma Maughan with Wales women's international footballers Sophie Ingle (left) and Natasha Harding (right).

## Restraining order given

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

The police were called and when they arrived, they found the defendant sitting on the floor of the bedroom, smoking a cigarette.

Mr Howells said he appeared to be drunk, and when shown the baton, said: "It's not mine - I've never seen it before."

He accepted being at the premises and described his condition as "tipsy" and that he had only wanted to speak to Miss Langdon.

Later, he admitted the baton was his and said it was for stunning fish.

McNerney was said to have previous convictions for causing actual bodily harm, using threatening behaviour, affray, possessing drugs and harassment.

His solicitor, Rhodri Chudleigh, said: "Many references speak highly of him. He had been in the relationship for 18 months, and it ended in December, and he had feelings of jealousy and rejection."

He went to the house to see where he stood and he made no threats to her whatsoever.

"He realises he should not have gone to that address," Mr Chudleigh added that McNerney suffers from depression, had issues with alcohol and now recognised the relationship was over.

## Former Plaid leader warns against fracking



Dafydd Wigley, addressing an anti-fracking meeting, with the Director of Friends of the Earth Cymru, Gareth Clubb. Picture by Nigel Pugh.

**FORMER Plaid Cymru leader, Dafydd Wigley, will address a public meeting at 7.30pm in the Windsor Arms, Penarth tomorrow (Friday) on the dangers of fracking and to give an update on measures being taken to stop it in Wales.**

The ex-MP, Assembly Member, and member of the House of Lords, has headed up the Plaid campaign on the issue which is of particular concern in the Vale, where planning permission has been given for test drilling at

three sites. Dafydd Wigley said: "The fact that we will be getting control over fracking in Wales is a direct result of the lead taken by Plaid Cymru, both at Westminster and at the National Assembly. "We will now have the powers for a total moratorium on fracking in Wales, but we must ensure this is delivered quickly so that no permissions are given before it's in place."

Friday's meeting will be hosted by Party of Wales Cardiff South and Penarth parliamentary candidate, Ben Foday, who said: "We oppose fracking because of the danger it poses to the environment, water and health."

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**ABERCERDIN Primary School** in Evanstown village on the border between Bridgend county borough and Rhondda Cynon Taf, achieved a 'good' performance mark at its recent Estyn inspection and was praised for the progress it has made in two years.

Pupils were said to be making good progress, with many achieving high standards at the end of the foundation phase

and Key Stage 2. Estyn also praised the exemplary behaviour of pupils, their active roles within the school and their enthusiasm for learning. The school had a caring ethos, with all staff providing good support and guidance for pupils.

The inspection report also found that the school has established strong partnerships with parents and the community that enhance outcomes for pupils.

Headteacher Helen Gentle said: "I am absolutely thrilled that we have received such a positive report, which is

testament to how much hard work our governors, staff, teachers, pupils and parents put in to the school. We are constantly trying to raise aspirations and are extremely proud of the community partnerships that we have generated."

"Having our own Wellbeing Manager, Mandy Rees, has had a tremendous impact upon academic levels, and attendance rates have risen from 89 per cent to 94 per cent in just two years. The school's caretaker Les Jenkins has worked tirelessly to develop a school farm and extensively refurbish the school, and this has significantly enhanced the learning environment for the children."

Abercerdin Primary School has also been categorised as a 'green' school in the Welsh Government's new categorisation system, placing it as one of the top schools in the

## Oldcastle PACT

THE Oldcastle PACT meeting will be held in Brynteg Lower School Library at 6.30pm on March 25.

## Brewery staff opt for Tenovus

**SA BRAIN has announced that its new charity partner is Tenovus Cancer Care, following a staff vote.**

The charity, which currently has almost 2,000 volunteers and supports people affected by cancer with free emotional and practical support, funds £1million of research annually.

People visiting the company's pubs and coffee shops will have the opportunity to donate to Tenovus Cancer Care, and employees at SA Brain will spend the next year raising funds for the charity in a number of exciting ways.

Clare Gallie, director

of income generation for Tenovus Cancer Care, said: "This is a really exciting and important partnership for us. The money raised will make a big difference to our work supporting cancer patients and their loved ones, and by having a presence in SA Brains outlets across Wales we will be able to let more people know about the support we can offer."

If you or someone you love has been affected by cancer, Tenovus Cancer Care can offer help and support. To find out more call the Tenovus Cancer Care free Support Line on 0800 808 1010 or visit [tenovuscancercare.org.uk](http://tenovuscancercare.org.uk).

## TWO HONEST, ONE DISHONEST

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# Community stunned by tragic death of teenagers in crash

REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

**AFTER a tragic and traumatic weekend, the town of Barry is in shock over the death of four people in a crash on the A470 near Brecon – three of the dead were 17-year-olds from Barry.**

In a separate incident, an 18-year-old man from Barry is in intensive care after an attack in a Porthcawl caravan park.

The tragic events began at 10.15pm on Friday, March 6, on the A470 between Libanus and RAC bends near Storey Arms, Powys.

Two vehicles were involved in a collision, a black Volkswagen Golf estate and a green Volkswagen Golf.

The green VW contained five young people from Barry and the driver, Rhodri Miller, and a passenger, Corey Price, were declared dead at the scene.

Alesha O'Connor, also 17, was taken to hospital, where she died of her injuries.

The other two passengers in the green VW were taken to hospital with serious injuries.

The driver and front seat passenger in the black VW Golf estate were taken to hospital with serious injuries. The passenger, 68-year-old Margaret Elizabeth Challis (nee Webber) from the Merthyr area, died in hospital from her injuries.

A police spokeswoman said: "It is believed that a number of vehicles were travelling in convoy at the time of the

collision."

These vehicles were heading towards Brecon, while Margaret Challis' car was heading in the opposite direction.

Following the accident, five male drivers, from other vehicles in the convoy, were arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving. They were later released on police bail.

Later that night, two more males were arrested and also later released on bail. All seven were either 17 or 18 years old.

The first tributes released were from the immediate family of the victims.

The parents of Rhodri Miller said: "Rhodri was a bright talented 17-year-old who had so much to live for. He was studying for his A-Levels at Bro Morgannwg School.

"He was a very popular boy inside and outside of school; he loved his football, was a season ticket holder for Cardiff City Football Club, and loved going to the gym.

"He will be very sadly missed by family and friends, and all who knew him."

Paul and Sharon, Alesha's parents, said: "Alesha was a kind loving child, a much loved baby sister AND OUR BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS.

"She was much loved by all her extended family. She was the perfect daughter and friend and has left a massive void in our family.

"Alesha was beautiful, intelligent and artistic and had her whole life ahead of her.



Corey Price.



Alesha O'Connor and Rhodri Miller.



Margaret Challis

"We as a family would like to pass on our sympathy to the other families who have lost loved ones."

The parents of Corey Price said: "The family of Corey are devastated by the sudden and tragic loss of their wonderful, gentle and caring son, brother, uncle and grandson.

"No words can explain how we are feeling but we are truly grateful for the support of our family and friends at this tragic time."

Both Rhodri Miller and Corey Price were pupils at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, and the headteacher, Dylan Jones, remembered both boys as talented in different ways, with Rhodri excelling in science and Corey showing great promise as a footballer.

The school week at Ysgol Bro Morgannwg started on Monday morning with an emotional service at the morning assembly.

Alesha O'Connor was a former pupil of St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School, and was studying for A-Levels at St David's Sixth Form College in Cardiff.

There were emotional scenes at morning assembly there too, as pupils arrived. At both schools, displays of floral tributes grew rapidly.

A Vale Council spokesman said that any school had been offered its full support, through counselling services or any other means.

A community memorial service was held yesterday evening (Wednesday) at the Windsor Road Chapel in Barry, arranged by Lindsay Ellis, of Vale Funeral Services.

He said: "Barry is in a state of shock, and it was a chance for people to reflect on the tragedy."

Vale MP Alun Cairns said: "I have made contact with all of the families involved in this tragic

situation. My prayers go out to all involved.

"It is deeply sad to see these young lives lost and the impact it has had on family, friends and the wider community in Barry and the rest of the Vale. I offer my deepest condolences and support to the local community."

Although Barry is the largest town in Wales, it still seems that everyone knows someone who has been affected.

This is true for staff here at The GEM, and everyone on this newspaper shares that sense of shock.

A friend of Alesha's, Ella Watts, said: "Alesha was beautiful, outgoing, funny and constantly happy. She was way too young. Her best friends want her story to be shared – so that people are more aware of how the community of Barry has come together to celebrate the three young, lost lives.

"I've written a poem which

has touched many people on social media and I would love for as many people as possible to see this."

**Prayer for Alesha O'Connor**  
22.10.97 - 7.03.15

*I hope this prayer reaches Heaven,  
I hope this prayer reaches you;  
I hope you've found comfort,  
Like we're trying to.  
We'll miss you always, till the end of days,  
We'll love you forever,  
shine down on us through the sun's rays,  
You are our angel now,  
Looking down on us from above,  
Your beauty is beyond words,  
You are still with your one true love.  
We'll never be the same without you,  
You were a big part of our lives,  
You are a true inspiration,  
To all 'wannabe housewives'*

## DOLPHIN DISPUTE COULD DERAIL FUN FAIR PLANS

**THE planning committee of the Vale Council will meet tonight (Thursday) to consider an application that has implications for the future of Barry Island fun fair.**

Although the Midlands-based showman Henry Danter says that everything is ready to move onto the site and be open for business by Easter, a complicated planning

dispute between the Vale Council and the Barry Island Property Company, which owns the land, is putting the timetable in peril.

Rob Thomas, the Vale Council's director of development services, said: "We are eager to see a funfair open once more as possible and have done everything within our power to make this happen.

"Unfortunately what we cannot do is grant Mr Danter access to the site.

by  
**PHILIP IRWIN**

The only people who can do this are its current owners.

"It appears their priority is the redevelopment of the Dolphin public house which sits alongside the derelict Barry Island pleasure park. An application for the redevelopment of the building for housing and commercial use is due to be considered on March 12 (today).

"However, there is no reason that the sale of the funfair site cannot progress in the Property Company's

meantime. Likewise, there is no reason why Mr Danter cannot be given immediate access to set up the site in time for Easter, given that he does not need planning permission or the consent of the council."

The stumbling block appears to be conditions placed on the Dolphin development – a housing and commercial complex, with 25 flats – by the Vale Council in terms of Section 106 money, and in terms of the percentage of housing units that should be "affordable".

The Barry Island Property Company's

### Three of the best!

**COUN** Richard Bertin believes that **Julia Grillard is Barry's greatest person (The GEM, February 26 – 'I vote for Julie').**

Well, I can suggest three greater ones!

1) David Davies of Llandinam, not born here, but responsible for making Barry the business coal-exporting port in the world by 1913.

2) Gareth James, investigative journalist, who, to world-wide disbelief, exposed the terrible famine – the Holodomor – in the Ukraine. A blue plaque is on his family home in Romilly Road. He was believed to have been murdered, probably by Stalin's NKVD, in Mongolia in the 1930s.

3), Gwyn Thomas: teacher of Spanish at Barry Grammar School; raconteur; poet; broadcaster; inspirational speaker and personality.

**Christopher Short, Barry.**

## Woman dies in house fire

**AN elderly woman has died after a house fire in Penarth.**

The Police and Fire Service were called to a property on Cedar Way, Penarth, just before 7.30pm on Tuesday, March 10 after reports of smoke coming from the premises. The elderly lady was found inside.

A South Wales Police spokeswoman said: "The cause of her death is not yet known and an investigation into the cause of the fire is under way. At this stage, the incident is being treated as unexplained.

"Officers are in the process of informing the lady's next of kin and formally identifying her.

"No-one else is believed to have been inside the house at the time and no-one else has been reported injured.

"Anyone with information on the fire is asked to contact South Wales Police on 101, quoting reference number 1500083383."

## QUILT EXHIBITION



**THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, is encouraging people to visit the Mothers of Africa quilt exhibition at the Senedd, which is open until March 18.**

The Cardiff-based medical education charity Mothers of Africa provide training for nurses, caring for pregnant women in sub-Saharan Africa.

Maggie Cullinane, of the Cardiff School of Art and Design, has supported the charity via a novel quilt fundraising project which involved students and friends being sponsored to create fabric squares to be made up into a quilt.



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## Council 'storing up winter woes'

**PLAID** Cymru councillors have warned that many roads in the Vale may go un-gritted next winter, claiming the Vale Council's budget showed £80,000 is being cut from the winter maintenance budget.

Coun Chris Franks asked for clarification on the plans for the new financial year, and said that communities should be consulted.

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## Flybe expands flights from the Cardiff Airport

**PASSENGERS** across Wales will now be able to fly from Cardiff Airport to destinations such as Faro, Munich, and Milan after a new 11-route network was announced with Flybe, Europe's largest regional airline last week.

From this summer, travellers can take advantage of fares starting at £24.99 and flights to new routes from Cardiff to Cork, Dublin, Edinburgh, Faro, Glasgow, Munich, Milan and Paris, as well as to existing routes between Cardiff and Belfast, Düsseldorf and Jersey, a spokesperson said.

The new network will see over half a million seats going on sale, with the first on sale at [www.flybe.com](http://www.flybe.com).



Saad Hammad with Sir David Rowe-Beddoe.

Saad Hammad, CEO, Flybe said: "We are delighted to launch these exciting new routes from Cardiff Airport which involves us basing two of these jets there to serve the Welsh market with great value fares and further improving UK regional connectivity."

The First Minister of Wales Carwyn Jones AM said:

"Flybe's announcement that it is opening a new base operating 11 routes from Cardiff Airport is fantastic news. We've always said that we want the airport to be a gateway to Wales, to drive our economy by bringing tourists and business to the country. We've already invested in improving the overall customer experience at Cardiff Airport and the new routes to major European destinations, as well as the creation of 50 new jobs, demonstrates Flybe's commitment to the Airport and will help to make it the success we know it can be."

## How music inspires sick and elderly

**MEMBERS** of the Penarth and Llandovery Mothers' Union were enthralled by a talk given on March 5 by Robert Aitken CBE, on 'Music in Hospitals'.

He talked about how music can uplift, inspire and encourage those who are ill in hospital or living in residential or nursing homes. Colonel Aitken, who heads Music in Hospitals in Wales, spoke passionately about the therapeutic value of music and how singing, in particular, is good for the brain.

"Music", he said, "has the power to connect with the brain in a remarkable way, and is a powerful tool for stimulating people who are ill, have dementia or who may just need cheering up".

Music in Hospitals is a charity founded in 1948 and works across the whole of the UK, where every year it gives 5,000 concerts and performances in various settings, of which 500 are in Wales.

All concerts are given by professional musicians who give their services free, or charge minimal fees and travel expenses.

Colonel Aitken suggested that a very special birthday present to someone no longer living at home was to get Music in Hospitals to come and give a performance – particularly if the music chosen was known to be particularly loved by the recipient.

Anyone wanting to ask Music in Hospitals to perform for a group or individual should contact Col Aitken on 02920 391415 or email [Wales@musicinhospitals.org.uk](mailto:Wales@musicinhospitals.org.uk)

## OBITUARY: ALFRED MILLS, Barry (1911-2015)

It is with the deepest sorrow that we have to report the death on Monday of the highly-respected local historian and long-standing GEM contributor, Alfred ('Alf') Mills, whose fascinating personal accounts of times past in the Vale endeared him to our readers over many years. Always the perfect gentleman, he will be sadly missed, not least by everyone here at The GEM. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

**B**ORN in Whitchurch, Cardiff of English parents, Alfred grew up with a brother and three sisters in Rhose and Porthkerry, with his father working on the land in and around Porthkerry.

He attended Porthkerry School (in which one of his sisters eventually lived), followed by attendance at Romilly Road School and eventually he reached Barry County Grammar School and was tutored in book-keeping and accountancy.

All of his working life was spent entirely at Rhose Cement works, where he started as a stove lad – and later, Aberthaw Cement works, with some time at the Rhose Asbestos factory.

Some of his work was taken up as a plate layer, responsible for railway track maintenance within the works site, but he eventually operated quarry haulage winches at the Rhose and Aberthaw crushing plants, followed by a similar role at Aberthaw. He learned to operate the quarry navy and, finally, for many years the main quarry haulage winch at Rhose works.

With the abolition of the quarry haulage at Rhose works, following massive modifications and the addition of a new cement kiln, by 1959 he became spare locomotive driver and weigh-bridge attendant at Rhose works.

Married at Neath in 1935, he and his wife Edith, moved to Park Crescent in Barry and in 1937 they raised a son,



after a move to High Street, followed by a further move to his 'lifetime' dwelling at Queen Street from 1941, raised a second son in 1942 and a daughter in 1947.

He relished the countryside and local developments and became something of a local historian, and his writings have been a regular feature in The GEM.

In August 1996 he published a booklet, "Memories immune to time", which apparently sold 6,000 copies, though he received no remuneration.

For a while he became a special constable at Barry, but turned to his love of first aid, which he was involved in at the Aberthaw Cement Company's works.

Between 1958 and 1981, he was a voluntary St John Ambulance person and became superintendent, Barry Dock Division. On his retirement from his regular Rhose cement works employment, he was asked by the company to carry on with first aid training at Rhose and Aberthaw works, and even did a spell of teaching first aid to students at Barry Training College into his 80s.

On leaving the St John Ambulance group, he moved to the Red Cross

organisation and spent many hours at the Barry Island First Aid station – and even met up with royalty on a couple of occasions.

On his 93rd birthday, The GEM treated him to a pleasure flight from Rhose airport and he took the controls in flight of the light aircraft for a couple of minutes under supervision of the pilot.

Remarkably he recovered from a serious accident at Aberthaw works in 1944, when he fractured his spine and was off work for 18 months.

In 1970, he suffered a serious injury in a car accident near his Barry home. He never fully recovered from that, losing some dexterity in his hands; ironically, he was still driving a few years ago but was involved in yet another car accident very near his home!

However, he managed to acquire another small car which he drove until he had almost reached 100, when he received the Queen's Telegram.

Until a couple of years ago, he was still doing his own cooking, washing and ironing, but arthritis in his knees was a setback. With a chairlift to overcome the house stairway, he was living alone following the death of his wife in December 2001.

Walking became a somewhat painful affair and he was regularly overseen by his immediate family, especially his daughter and son-in-law who helped immensely in his longevity.

Until January this year he was still doing his Daily Mirror crossword but his health deteriorated seriously after a couple of falls in his home and he became hospitalised on February 28.

At almost 104 years of age, he passed away at Heath Hospital on March 9, leaving two sons, a daughter, two grand-sons, four grand-daughters, two great grand-children and two great-grandsons.

BRIAN MILLS

## ARCHIVE TELLS OF ROLE PLAYED BY WOMEN IN WELSH INDUSTRY

**AT Canolfan Soar, Merthyr Tydfil on March 25 the Women's Archive of Wales will be launching the final report of a Heritage-Lottery Funded oral history project, 'Voices From the Factory Floor.'**

Some 210 interviews have been recorded and transcribed, 60 of them in the medium of Welsh, describing the life and work at 208 different factories.

A spokeswoman said: "Although the significance of the manufacturing industries to the economy of Wales in the period after the Second World War is recognised, the key role women played is often forgotten.

"Many of the women who worked in these factories are now elderly and the Women's Archive of Wales, fulfilling one of its main objectives, to preserve women's history, wanted to record the experiences of this factory life before it was entirely forgotten."

A dedicated website, [www.factorywomenvoices.wales](http://www.factorywomenvoices.wales) will also be launched on March 25.

**Voices from the Factory Floor** "I'd done the Welsh feathers and the Lady Diana ring and they were beautiful things. They

were the three feathers. They would come in two pieces. I would solder a little blob with a crown.

"I believe we got feathers and a crown that were joined together, and then I would put a hook and a hinge for a pin to go on so it would be a brooch, and then it would go to other sections then to be cleaned up or plated whatever."

AO: Attwood and Sawyer Factory, Porthcawl

**YES, if you didn't do your work, if you weren't pulling your weight then yes, you would lose your job because you had to keep up on a production line.**

"So if you didn't keep up, or were chatting and laughing not keeping up on the line, then you would lose your job, because it was a production line."

"There was a belt running down the middle of the production line and the garments came down on the belt. You took it off, did your part, put it back on the belt for the next person, so it was a continuous line all the time. You had to keep up."

GR: London Pride Factory, Bridgend

**"WE had the strong impression that we were being discouraged from trade union activity. Determined to proceed with our plans, we made an appointment to consult a local, leading trade union supporter to ask his advice.**

"He reacted by contacting the local press, as a

result of which, headlines the next day proclaimed that 'Trade union membership was being discouraged at a Local Underwear Factory.'

"This embarrassing revelation led to a change of heart at the Sidroy Mills, with management complying with our aim to create a local branch of the Tailor & Garment Workers' Union."

"At the first general meeting, members were elected to fill the posts of chairman, secretary and treasurer, with my sister and I elected as chair and secretary of the branch and when properly established, members elected us as delegates to the local Trade Union Council."

DC: Sidroy Underwear Factory, Barry

### FRIENDS' spring talk

**AS part of the International Women's Week art exhibition at Art Central Gallery, artist Josephine Sowden will give an illustrated talk about her work to Art Central FRIENDS on March 16 at the Gallery on King Square at 7.30pm. Non members are welcome.**

There will also be a 'Meet and Greet' coffee morning at St Francis Millenium Centre, Porth y Castell this Saturday (March 14) at 10.30am for existing and prospective members of the FRIENDS.





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# Out and About with The GEM

## What's on and where in your area

### Councillors' surgery

LABOUR Vale and town councillors for Castletand ward, Barry: Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake, Karl Kuhnell and Les Sword will hold their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, March 14 from 10.30am to 12 noon in Castletand Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent, Barry.

No appointment necessary.  
**Street surgery**  
**INDEPENDENT**  
councillors Richard

and Robert Bertin will hold a street surgery on Saturday, March 14 in Davies Street and Lee Road, Barry between 11am and noon.

Further details on 01446 736227.

### Mothering Sunday

THIS Sunday (March 15) from 9.45am at Barry's St David's Methodist Church an All Age Service will focus on Mothers, with activities for children.

For more information contact Rev Peter Taylor on 01446 406262, or at

revpete@live.co.uk

### Valeways walks

ON Sunday, March 15 at 2pm, 'Back to Cold Knap and over the top' starting at Porthkerry Country Park, car park at the bottom of the hill.

On Tuesday, March 17 at 10am, Hoffi Cerdded, Hoffi Coffi, starting at Cowbridge Library.

On Wednesday, March 18 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at the visitor centre, Cosmeston Country Park, Penarth.

On Thursday, March 19 at 10.30am, Castle Upon Alun daffodils, starting at the car park opposite the Fox and Hounds, St Brides Major.

### Trust meets

THE Vale of Glamorgan Association of National Trust Members and Volunteers' monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18 at 7.30pm in The Duke of Wellington, Cowbridge.

Dr Alun Armstrong will give an illustrated talk about the history and symbolism of the Welsh love spoon. New

members welcome.

The AGM will be held on April 15 at 7pm when it is hoped to adopt a new constitution; followed by a talk on Flat Holm Island by Mr Peter Sampson.

### Art society

THIS evening at Cowbridge Art Society, Penarth artist Andrew Coslett will give a demonstration of painting in watercolours and on Thursday, March 19, Liam O'Conner will demonstrate starting a portrait in oils.

The Society meets at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, each Thursday (7pm-9pm) and non-members are welcome.

### Time for a cuppa

COURT officers will be holding a 'Cuppa with a Copper' on Thursday, March 19 at 4pm in the cafe at the YMCA, Court Road, Barry.

### Reading Room

BONVILSTON Reading Room's AGM will be held on Thursday, March 19 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room for a review of 2014, the presentation of the accounts and the election of the

### committee.

The AGM will be followed by a short talk given by Paul Fisher, on the history of cigar making in south Wales.

Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served.

### Choral society concert

THE next concert given by the Cowbridge Choral Society will be on Saturday, March 28 in Holy Cross Church, when the society will be joined by the Pontypridd Choral Society for a performance of Mozart and Saint Saens Requiems.

Tickets available from society members, Davies Newsagent, Cowbridge and the box office (01446 792175).

New members are always welcome to join, and experience is not essential.

Rehearsals take place in the United Free Church, Westgate Street (opposite the police station) every Thursday at 7.30pm.

### Cottrell Park antiques fair

COTTRELL Park Golf resort will be hosting an antique and collectors' fair on Saturday, April 4 in the warmth of 'Tylor's Cabin' and the Conservatory.

Refreshments will be available to purchase, from the clubhouse; entrance £1; free car parking.

Telephone Ann (01446 796128) or Peta (01446 713483) for full details.

### Walk the Vale

THE annual walk will take place on Easter Monday, April 6 starting from The Plough & Harrow, Monkash (registering from 9.30am).

There will be a long walk and a short walk, to support brain tumour patients, their families and friends.

Details are available on

www.edevansfoundation.co.uk or telephone 01656 890217.

### Meeting cancelled

COWBRIDGE Senior Citizens' meetings on March 19 has been cancelled and will now be held on Thursday, April 16 at the Lesser Hall, Town Hall, Cowbridge at 2pm.

### Barry Mayor's charity dinner

BARRY Town Mayor, Coun Jeff Evans is inviting the public, voluntary organisations and

local businesses to join him at his annual dinner dance for charity on Friday, April 17.

Tickets are now available at £28 (£25 for senior citizens).

The annual dinner dance proceeds go to the Mayor's chosen charities, which this year are The Jam Fund and ValePlus.

It will be held at the Wenvoe Castle Golf Club and the theme is 'The Roaring Twenties'.

The ticket price includes a four course meal, live entertainment and a disco, and there will be a raffle followed by an auction.

For more details contact the Mayor's secretary, Mrs Julie Hurd, on 01446 704921, or at juliehurd@barrystownco.org.uk

### Three Phantoms!

THREE Phantom of

the Opera stars are taking part in a special charity concert at the City Hall in Cardiff, on Sunday, May 17 at 7pm in aid of Welsh Hearts.

For more information contact 02920 786521, or www.welshhearts.org.

### Age Connect spring fayre

AGE CONNECT'S Cardiff and Vale is holding a spring fayre at the Senior Health Shop, Holton Road, Barry, on Thursday, March 26 (10am to 12 midday)

A wide range of stalls including crafts made by Stitch and Bitch Class, bric-a-brac and books, home made cakes and raffle.

All proceeds to the Ageing Well Project. Free admission.

### Fibromyalgia advice

AGE CONNECTS Cardiff and Vale, held a health topic session on fibromyalgia at the Senior Health Shop, Holton Road, Barry, recently.

Over 20 members talked to the adviser about this condition.

Because of the success of the session, it is planned to have another in August.

## Auerbach art to go on show

TWO paintings by artist Frank Auerbach have found a permanent home at the National Museum in Cardiff and will be on display from March 17.

They were accepted in lieu of inheritance tax from the estate of world-famous artist, Lucian Freud, who died in 2011.

They are Auerbach's oil on canvas *Tree* on

Primrose Hill 1985-89, and the felt pen on paper *Tree* (Primrose Hill). A third oil painting, *Head of EOW 1955* will come to the museum in 2016, following its loan to Tate's retrospective of the artist at the end of this year.

The three paintings are part of a collection of 40 paintings and drawings by Frank Auerbach collected by Lucian Freud over many years.

Lucian Freud over many years.

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Haiti is the poorest country in the western hemisphere. Unemployment runs at 80 per cent - street traders earn about £30 a month.

Haiti is going to take a total of 20 years to restructure. Lots of children eat food every other day.

Haiti Hospital Appeal, a charity started by two British drama students, has built a spinal case unit for people - severely injured in the quake - and they have also opened a hospital.

This campaign raises money for Haiti Hospital Appeal.

The Barry-based 'Pukka Theatre Group' (PUKKA) will be presenting a show at the Masonic Hall, Broad Street, Barry on Sunday, March 29.

The show will run from approximately

3pm to 5pm - doors open at 2.30pm.

The singers range from children up to adults. The show *Celebrate the 1920s* will feature music from *Bugsy Malone*, *Chicago*, *Singing in the Rain* and other shows of the era.

It promises to be an unforgettable afternoon. Bar facilities and a raffle will also be available.

Tickets are available from me at £5 each or people can pay on the door (telephone 749727 for tickets and further information). Other shows will take place later on.

Jane Hutt and Michelle Smith are honorary patrons of this campaign. Many thanks are extended to all those people who support this campaign.

Godfrey Knight, Barry.

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# THIS CHAPPIE IS WORTH WATCHING!



by  
**GARETH JAMIESON**  
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**WHEN** Neill Blomkamp burst onto the scene with 2009's *District 9*, it was a stunning debut from the South African director, marrying spectacle and substance beautifully, a sci-fi yarn that beneath the surface made some cutting observations about the nature of segregation.

When Blomkamp's second effort riffed on

the same themes the result was the ineffective *Elysium*, so he has much to prove with his third effort, *Chappie*.

It tells the story of the titular robot (motion captured by regular collaborator Sharlto Copley), a police robot who is reprogrammed by Deon (Dev Patel), after he develops technology to create a sentient being, allowing Chappie to think, feel and communicate.

However, his presence doesn't go unnoticed and Deon's co-worker (and former soldier) Vincent Moore (Hugh Jackman) takes it upon himself to nullify any threat that Chappie may pose – but he won't go down

without a fight...

With *Chappie*, you could think that Neill Blomkamp has gone to the well too many times.

Much like his first two films, it is a story of man struggling to come to terms with a new technological dawn, set in the near future, while working on both a basic and a deeper level.

In terms of where it falls between *District 9* and *Elysium*, it falls to the former more, and feels like a 21st century version of *Short Circuit*, albeit with more mature, weightier concerns.

Andy Serkis seems to be considered the king of the motion capture arena, but you can see from this

evidence that Sharlto Copley could easily challenge that should he wish to, as it is his central performance as Chappie that holds everything together.

It wouldn't work if it was in any way flawed, but it is just sublime, not just Copley's performance that captures the wide-eyed innocence of creation all the way to the bitterness and anger of loss and hatred, but also on a technological level.

Blomkamp's ability to marshal and push computer effects pays incredible dividends with a photo-realistic character that the largely human cast can bounce off.

Most impressive of these are Dev Patel as Chappie's creator, or 'maker' as the robot calls him the actor throwing off the stereotypes of these boffin types with a fresh face and personality, trying to do the right thing even when it goes against his employers' wishes,

while Ninja and Yolandi of South African rap duo Die Antwoord (yeah, me neither) seemingly play themselves as criminals intent on using Chappie as a tool to get them out of a fix.

These two suffer from an inability to act, meaning that some of the more emotional moments lose their impact when they are involved.

But it's not just rappers that suffer in terms of acting – big names also don't quite work either.

Hugh Jackman may sport an impressive mullet, but his character's murky motivations (competitive jealousy) don't quite feel right, and Jackman plays the character a little too broadly at times, resembling Pat Sharp wearing Steve Irwin's wardrobe.

Sigourney Weaver has a small role, but saddled with weak dialogue as Deon and Vincent's boss, she is unconvincing and

slightly wooden, a rare misstep for a fine actress.

Where the film really comes to life is in Blomkamp's direction.

Visually superb, and using the worn-out look of Johannesburg, he captures the anarchy that has resulted in the use of a mechanised police force, and the dangerous characters within it, wonderfully well; while technologically he hits all the right notes, the film's climax high-octane with a side order of epic.

The script aims to make salient points about man's reliance on technology, how we are both awed and in fear of what the future may bring, but wisely chooses not to play the satire card; instead, much like *District 9*, it plays it for realism, and as a result it works extremely well.

The notion of nature versus nurture is well examined (Chappie is in essence a child, forced to do some

rapid growing up in a harsh environment) as is the level of consciousness within artificial intelligence (something that is becoming 2015's theme of choice).

With Blomkamp's next film a new entry in the *Alien* saga, it seems the director has rediscovered his mojo with Chappie; it's not without its faults, but once it warms up and gets going there's much to enjoy.

**VERDICT** – A return to form after the slightly disappointing *Elysium*, Chappie sees Neill Blomkamp create a film that manages to be both heartwarming and epic, in terms of its visual spectacle.

Intelligent, but not short of brawn, it plays broadly but with enough going on to keep you engaged. Worth watching.

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:** *District 9* (2009), *Short Circuit* (1986).

## Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

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## Learn how to grow your own!

**BARRY Community Garden is taking part in the Big Dig 2015 on Saturday, March 21 from 12pm – 3pm at its base off Dyfnallt Road, Barry, CF63 1RU.**

Clare Horrell from the Big Dig said: "This is a great way to take the first step to get involved in growing your own and discovering your local edible garden."

Lisa Williams of Barry Community Garden said: "We took part in this event last September and had a great turnout, with lots of visitors getting stuck in. Some of our volunteers made some fantastic cakes and we managed to keep the refreshments going all day! We're hoping to attract high numbers of visitors again on March 21."

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## KiddieWinkles put on their patriotic outfits!



KIDDIEWINKLES Playgroup celebrated St David's Day on March 2 with children and staff dressed in traditional Welsh costume, rugby shirts and red tops.

Welsh cakes went down a treat at snack time and everyone took part in singing and dancing during the morning! At the end of the session, all children went home with a special daffodil and a Welsh Dragon colouring sheet.

Contact the playgroup on 07855 369601. It is based in Crossway Methodist Church, Crossway Street, Barry.

KJ

### READERS' LETTERS EXTRA

## ON THE PLUS SIDE OUTSIDE THE EU...

**YOUR recent letters correspondent invites us to imagine life post EU, so I will give it a try!**

First, expect government by politicians who are answerable to their electorates...

Escape from the common fisheries policy and reclaim historic fishing grounds. No longer the disgraceful practice of throwing thousands of tons of dead fish back into the sea...

Farmers grow what they think is best and not what they are told...

Join EFTA. This is a trading union (with full access to the EU single market) which is what we thought the Common Market was, when we joined all those years ago.

Mr Heath said: "There are some in this country who fear that, in going into Europe, we shall in some way sacrifice

independence and sovereignty. These fears, I need hardly say, are completely unjustified". He was having a laugh...

Our own seat on supranational bodies: your correspondent says that Norway must dance to the EU's tune. Leave it aside that Norway does so at vastly smaller cost than does the UK; the EU itself has to dance to the tunes of the World Trade Organisation, UN Food and Agriculture Organisation, UN Economic Commission for Europe, Aarhus Convention on the environment and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Norway has its own seat at these; the UK, being represented by Europe, has one/twenty-eighth of a seat...

Maintain trade with the EU, but expand trade with the rest of the world. The UK runs a trade deficit with the EU; would the EU ban its own exports? Under article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty the EU is legally mandated to trade

with non-EU countries, which would include the UK...

Spend more of our own money as we wish. At present, we have to ask for it back, and get just some of our previous contribution, which comes with instructions on how to spend it...

Look out for the UK's interests. The EU is determined to keep its currency alive and will always aim for pro-euro economic policies.

London has just escaped by the skin of its teeth from losing the euro denominated stock and bond trade. It would be interesting to know whether any of the companies threatening to abandon the UK for Europe if it leaves were also in favour of the UK joining the euro.

Last (for now) but by no means least, regain border control, instead of the current system of mutual gate crashing.

**R Bradshaw,  
Cowbridge.**

### Helping to make a fairer world...

**MAY I, through the pages of your newspaper, thank all those who have given all their time and effort towards making Barry an official Fairtrade town?**

Without their dedication and hard work none of this could have been achieved. Barrians can be proud

that the town has, at long last, joined the growing number of cities, towns and villages who are working towards making the world a fairer place.

Once again, thanks for all your hard work. **Coun Rob Curtis, (Chairman of Barry Town Council's Fairtrade steering group).**

### Why this craze for tattoos?

**TATTOOS?** I hate them – they are spreading very fast. On TV recently, we were shown a man who has become so obsessed he has his entire body and his face covered.

I find it hard to believe that anyone could employ or live with him.

What is it that makes someone do such a thing? Words fail me.

**Mrs Ivy Heveron, Rhooose.**

### Totting up those lost percentages

**I**N last week's edition of your very much appreciated newspaper, is a letter from Coun Bronwen Brooks (cabinet member for housing), which says how much affordable housing is needed throughout the Vale.

(The headline read 'Affordable housing part of long-term rural plan'.

It amazes me that in Colwinston, plans have been passed to build 64 houses.

In their wisdom, the council have let the builders build 25 per cent of affordable houses, not 35 per cent.

This means that instead of 22 affordable houses, they will build only 16.

So much for Coun Bronwen Brooks' drive for more affordable houses.

**CJ Hawkins,  
Colwinston.**

### RHOOSE CALL

**O**N Monday, March 16, the Vale of Glamorgan Council scrutiny committee will meet at 6pm to discuss the outcome of the library consultation.

Meet at Rhooose Social Club Saturday, March 14 at 12 noon, or meet at the council offices, Holton Road at 5.30pm on Monday. **Cliff Darlington, Rhooose.**



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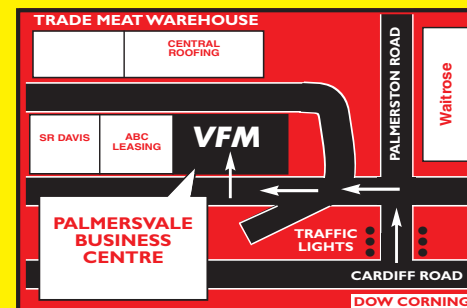
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**CARDIFF ROAD, BARRY****INDUSTRIAL ESTATES***More than meets the eye!*

# Family businesses are flourishing on Industrial Estate!

**T**HE Ty Verlon Estate is a major pillar of Barry's economy – family businesses employing dozens of local people.

The Bead Room at Boxes and Busts is run by Louise and Paul Francis who live in the town.

Louise said: "We have been here for almost 12 years. Originally, we were doing packaging and display for the jewellery trade."

"Now we believe we're the biggest supplier of beads and jewellery components in Wales. Over the years, we've developed an international customer base."

On specific days, publicised in *The GEM*, Louise hosts free demonstrations and taster sessions in the arts and know-how of jewellery making.

Today (Thursday, March 12), there is a 'Kumihimo' session from 1.30pm to 7pm.

Visitors are guaranteed a warm welcome and leave inspired by the amazing amount of jewellery-making items on offer!

## TOP VALETING!

Just a few yards round the corner from Boxes and

Busts is Lloyd's Auto Detailing run by Lloyd Baker.

Lloyd said: "I do valeting and paint correction for all types of vehicles. A valet cost between £15 and £250, depending on what a client wants done."

Across the road from Lloyds Auto Detailing is Baker's Baguettes, owned by Lloyd's mother Angela.

It is open Monday to Friday, 7.30am to 3pm and serves a great range of breakfasts, jacket potatoes, paninis, omelettes, meals and drinks.

Angela said: "We provide a service for people who work on the estate and visitors. But members of the public are welcome too. Over time we have got more and more passers-by."

Baker's Baguettes is on the left hand side on the main road into the estate, opposite Lloyd's Auto Detailing.

Dinas Windows is a family business and was started by brothers Jon and Nick Madge. In 2012, it celebrated 25 years in business.

A spokesman said: "We have quality fitting teams and fabricators. Our team all work to a high standard of workmanship to deliver customers the highest level of quality."

"As a company, we always strive to do the best we can when manufacturing and fitting our windows, doors and conservatories, which are all manufactured at our premises in Barry."

"The majority of our work comes from recommendations and we would, therefore, like to thank all our customers, past and present, for supporting Dinas Windows and hope that they will continue to do so in the future."

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## Vale Veterinary Care



VALE Veterinary Care opened in December 2014 at Ty Verlon Industrial Estate.

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## MEET THE BUSINESSES...



### ABOVE:

Louise and Paul provide a friendly welcome to people who attend jewellery tutorials at Boxes and Busts.



Angela Baker of Baker's Baguettes has an impressive range of food for visitors to the Ty Verlon Estate and members of the public who are passing by.



Vale Veterinary Centre is on the left hand side on Sully View as you head into the Ty Verlon Estate.



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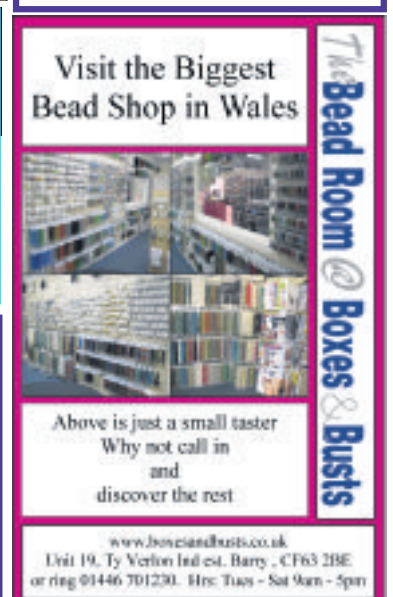


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# LOCAL SCHOOL PUPILS SHOW OFF THEIR BUSINESS ACUMEN

ENTERPRISING pupils from a Maesteg primary school are in the running next week to win a national competition to find Wales' most business-savvy students.

The Enterprise Troopers competition – part of Welsh Government's Youth Entrepreneurship programme – was first launched in 2013 to inspire entrepreneurship in primary school learners, and challenge pupils across Wales to develop their own business ideas.

Youngsters from St Mary and St Patrick's RC Primary School in Maesteg have won their way through to the final of the nationwide contest with their classroom business which made and sold Christmas crafts.

The school was among eight finalists from south east Wales who will now go head to head with schools from across Wales in a grand Enterprise Troopers final to be held at the Senedd in Cardiff Bay on March 19.

The school's success in winning through to the national final was announced at the south east Wales regional final held in Coleg Y Cymoedd, Nantgarw,

where regional awards were also won by: Sully Primary (Foundation Phase), Y Bont Faen Primary and Darrian Park Primary (Business Engagement) Llysfaen Primary and St Andrew's Major Church in Wales Primary (Most Innovative Product or Service), Trelewis Primary and Penygawsi Primary (Display Stand Award), Duffryn Primary and Fjaldau Primary (Team Spirit) Issy Sellek, Ysgol Coed-y-Gof, Barney Rind, Sully Primary and Olivia Gillard, Llysfaen

Primary (Star Trooper Awards).

Minister for Economy Science and Transport, Edwina Hart AM, said: "Encouraging a culture of entrepreneurship among young people is imperative for our long-term economic success."

"I am consistently surprised and impressed by the ever increasing quality of business ideas coming from primary school children across Wales, whose imagination, creativity and insightfulness shows no bounds year on year."

St Mary's and St Patrick's pupils with the 'Enterprise Troopers'.



## Jewson apprentice Jake lands company's top learning award

Jake Barrett, on right, displays his award.



**JEWSON apprentice Jake Barrett (22) has scooped the company's outstanding learner of the year award.**

He is one of over 50 apprentices who completed a customer service apprenticeship programme through ACT Training.

The former Barry Comprehensive

School pupil said: "I was really surprised to have won the award. It's a great achievement for me and it just proves that you can achieve whatever you put your mind to."

"I couldn't have done it without the support I received from my line manager, Lee, and the rest of my colleagues at Jewson."

## Two men who had the drop on gravity

THE speaker at the recent Barry Men's Forum was Mike Cheeseman, who recalled that Isaac Newton and Galileo were both credited with the discovery of gravity.

Galileo was the first as he was born a hundred years before Newton. People don't realise the effect that gravity has on their everyday lifestyle.

Simple tasks like drinking a cup of tea would not be possible without gravity. We tend to forget about gravity until walking up a steep hill, or if we drop a ball

at the top of a slope.

For hundreds of years, men have envied how easily birds can overcome the effects of gravity, they just flap their wings and fly away. We have tried to emulate birds by making machines for us to escape from gravity's clutches.

Mike then gave a brief history of how aviation had developed from the first kites, to engine powered propeller driven planes, and then from the first jets to the huge present day jumbo jets.

Mike recounted the space race between Russia and America.

Russia launched the first satellite in space, Sputnik 1. America sent fruit flies and monkeys into space. Russia sent the first man into space - Yuri Gagarin.

Then the next race began, to send the first man to the moon. America won that race when Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin both landed on the moon.

While researching this episode, Mike noticed the huge amount of conflicting information on the moon landings.

So much so, that he promised another talk to discuss the pros and cons of the moon landing conspiracy.

The Forum next meets on Thursday, March 19, at 10.15am.

David Brushett will be speaking on the topic of 'Lest we Forget' at Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall, Aberystwyth Crescent.

New members are welcome.

## Council staff cheque in memory of paramedic

THE Vale Council's building control has raised £1,000 for the Marie Curie Centre at Penarth, in memory of their friend and local paramedic, Adrian Cook, who died last month.

The team, along with staff from the council's planning department and Nina Estate Agents, sold raffle tickets and collected donations at the annual Building Excellence Awards in the Vale Golf Club on January 30.

Around £900 was raised on the night between the 90 guests, with the remaining £100 donated by Nina herself.

Last week, the team visited the centre in Penarth to present the cheque for £1,000.

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## WIs celebrate with a centenary service

ON March 7 the Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes held a service of thanksgiving on the centenary of the WI.

The service, held at Llandaff Cathedral was led by Reverend Gerwyn Huw Capon, Dean of Llandaff. Members from over 90 Institutes attended and their banners were proudly paraded at the beginning of the ceremony.

Guests included the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Federation of Wales Chair Mrs Ann Jones, National Public Affairs

Committee Chair Mrs Marylyn Haines-Evans, Head of National Federation of Wales Office Rhian Connick, and the Chairs of Brecon, Carmarthen, Ceredigion and Gwent Federations, past Glamorgan Federation Chairmen and WI Advisors.

The lessons were read by Mrs Carolyn Davies, Glamorgan Federation chairman, Mrs Sheena Sarjeant past Federation chairman, and Mrs Ann

Jones, Federation of Wales chair. In her address, Mrs Margaret Bourke, past Federation secretary talked about the history and achievements of the WI and its invaluable contribution to British life since its formation a hundred years ago.

She ended by saying that the WI was an organisation of which we could be justly proud.

JANE EXELL

## QUIZ CANCELLED

THE Barry Athletic Tennis Club quiz due to be held on March 21, at Barry Athletic Bowls Club has been cancelled.



# Bridgend County Borough Council BUILDING EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2015



## The Bridgend County Borough Council Building Control Team

Roger Jones (Building Control Surveyor), Jonathon Parsons (Development & Building Control Manager), Cliff Bull (Building Control Surveyor), Beth Flower-Jones (Technical Assistant), Paul Jeremy (Building Control Surveyor), Meryl Morgan (Building Control Assistant), Paul Joseph (Principal Building Control Surveyor), David Todd-Jones (Team Leader Building Control).

### THE CATEGORIES ARE:

**Best Home Extensions or Material Alterations**

**Best Change of Use of a Building or Conversion**

**Best Individual New Home**

**Best Public Service Building**

**Best Small Commercial Building**

**Best LABC Supervisor of The Year**

**Best Inclusive Building Special Planning Award**



**THE LABC Building Excellence Awards are about the essence of good buildings.**

The winning projects are not judged just on architectural beauty, but on their technical and construction 'excellence'.

We are placing greater requirements than ever before on the building industry and, as a result, our buildings are of better quality, safer, more accessible, sustainable and energy efficient.

Creating great buildings requires teamwork involving a range of professions: architects, surveyors, engineers and builders, to name but a few.

The 'building excellence awards' reward and recognise those in the industry for consistently carrying out work to a high standard, and for creating buildings which improve the quality of life in our communities.

The awards showcase building and design teams that have developed innovative and creative solutions to complex construction and site issues.

My thanks and congratulations go to all the nominees for setting a standard of excellence to which others may aspire.

**Mrs Satwant Pryce**  
Head of Regeneration and Development



## Best Change of Use/Conversion & Winner of the SPECIAL PLANNING AWARD

DESCRIPTION: **BEST CHANGE OF USE/CONVERSION**

ADDRESS: **LLANGYNWYD COMMUNITY CENTRE, LLANGYNWYD**

CONTRACTOR: **LLANGYNWYD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

ARCHITECT: **DAVID GREGSON LIMITED**

This former St Stephens Church was last used as an artist's studio. Situated in a prominent position on the square in Llangynwyd, it had been left to fall into a state of disrepair.

Llangynwyd Community Association has completely refurbished the building, whilst retaining and 'bringing back to life' many of the buildings features and charms. The investigative work of removing and restoring some of the building's original features requires a special mention, as they could so easily have been lost.

The works themselves were carried out by local tradesmen and, where possible, all materials were sourced locally.



## LLAN HALL RENOVATION LAUDED AT BUILDING AWARDS



Members of the Llangynwyd Community Association, with Bridgend County Borough Deputy Mayor, Councillor Richard Young presenting the awards.

The conversion of the former St Stephens Church to become Llangynwyd Village Hall has earned the Llangynwyd Community Association an accolade at Bridgend County Borough Council's annual LABC Building Excellence Awards.

Originally built in the 19th century as a school, the building was later used as a church up until the 1990s, when it became an artist's studio, before falling into disrepair.

After their old village hall was destroyed by a fire around the turn of the millennium, the Llangynwyd Community Association began raising funds to build a new hall and identified the former church as their ideal venue.

A decade of fundraising followed and, having successfully obtained the grants they required, the association were able to buy the building and they opened it around a year ago after many months of renovation work.

The result is a building that has become a popular asset for the local community, and the project was selected as the winner of the 'Best

change of use or conversion' honour at the council's ninth annual building control awards. The project was also selected by the council as the recipient of its 'Special planning award'.

Councillor Phil White, Bridgend County Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Communities, said: "Using local tradesmen, the Llangynwyd Community Association have completely refurbished the building to a high class standard while retaining its original charm. For example, it even contains the bell that was used in the old school over a century ago. The Association must be complimented on their commitment to the project and for providing a bustling facility that can be used by current and future generations of the local community."

Project manager David Jenkins said: "We are gobsmacked to receive this award, as we thought we had only been nominated. The conversion of the building was a real community effort using local firms and it is great to see so many people using the hall."



Project Manager David Jenkins, Architect David Gregson, Cathy Sierra, Mary Jones and Margaret Thomas, from Llangynwyd Community Association.



**Winners of Category 2**  
**Best change of use or conversion**

**Winners**  
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## Best Individual New Home

DESCRIPTION: **BEST INDIVIDUAL NEW HOUSE**

ADDRESS: **AZAHAR, HEOL BRYNCWILS, SARN**

CONTRACTOR: **CHRIS BEVAN BUILDERS**

ARCHITECT:  
**PLANABUILD LIMITED, 3 LABURNUM DRIVE, PORTHCAWL**

This former 'brownfield' site was in a difficult topographical location, on the edge of the village of Sarn – which encompassed surface water/drainage problems from the outset, as well as ground compaction and fill to prevent further settlement. There were also problems with the location of the South Western Distribution electrical transformer located on the eastern side of the site, which limited the ability to excavate in this area without constant monitoring from the electric companies.

With the architects' design and re-positioning of the building from the outset, this allowed minimal excavation against the transformer and has provided a sheltered and completely private raised patio area for the owner. The detached property has been built to an extremely high standard of fitment and workmanship.

The contemporary layouts are both stylish and modern and have been



designed specifically with the end user in mind, easily allowing adaption to ground floor only living, as the owner requested for their latter years.

## Best LABC Supervisor of The Year

PROPOSAL: **DAVE HODGES**

CONTRACTOR: **LLANMOOR HOMES**



DAVE HODGES has been an integral part of Llanmoor Homes since he started as a site agent in 2006, and has worked on many of their successful housing projects throughout south Wales.

He is currently site manager on their large development at Gerddi Pentref, which forms part of the Parc Derwen complex in Coity, Bridgend.

The site consists of 14 different house types, of which Dave has a

thorough working knowledge, consistently producing properties which achieve low figures when air tested, and SAP ratings on completion that match their intended design.



## Best Public Service Building & Best Inclusive Building

DESCRIPTION:  
**NEW CARE HOME**

ADDRESS:  
**HEOL GELLI LENOR, MAESTEG, BRIDGEND**

CONTRACTOR:  
**PENDRAGON (DESIGN AND BUILD) LIMITED**

ARCHITECT:  
**PENTAN PARTNERSHIP**



Heol Gelli Lenor is a complex developed by Valleys to Coast Housing Association for residential supported living for people with disabilities.

The building has been designed in a contemporary style that responds to the environment. Its robust construction consists of face brickwork to the external finishes that appears aesthetically strong, but also comprises areas of render and timber cladding, providing a contrast of lighter and softer materials.

The site itself follows the topography of the Nant Sychbant valley, which alone brought its own problems; with the construction being built into the hillside, the 'tanking' detail had to be installed and made available for the manufacturers to sign off. The 'permacrib' walls, as well as providing support, also gave enclosure to the site.

The development provides supported residential accommodation for people with disabilities and exceeds standards, to offer flexibility for the future.

Based on the principles of inclusive design both the external and internal environment is designed to be accessible to all residents, staff and visitors including disabled people with varying degrees of mobility and people with sensory impairments. All parts of the scheme are designed and have been built to meet the guidance of Approved Document M of the Building Regulations BS8300 and the Welsh Government Development Quality Requirements.

Internally, the building is fully wheelchair-accessible and incorporates assisted bathrooms with hoists, to allow for complete movement. Door ironmongery is ergonomically designed for the end user.

Externally, access routes by way of ramps, with changes of level defined by changes in materials, leads to an outside space with impressive views of the Nant Sychbant Valley.

The collaborative working between Building Control, Pentan Architects, Pendragon and Valleys to Coast Housing has resulted in a fully accessible building.

## Best Extension or Alterations to Existing Home

DESCRIPTION:  
**EXTENSIONS AND ALTERATIONS**

ADDRESS:  
**10 SANDPIPER CLOSE, NOTTAGE, PORTHCAWL**

CONTRACTOR:  
**MOORE CONSTRUCTION & SONS**

ARCHITECT: **MARK ROBINSON**



This 1970s-style bungalow has been completely refurbished, both internally and externally, to provide a two storey, four-bedroom deluxe property, incorporating a bespoke internal living space, and with an external appearance that is functional in terms of maintenance due to the choice of finishes, while also pleasing to the eye, and in contrast to the seaside environment.

The internal open plan layout called for innovative and creative solutions in the design and build process, this involved the introduction of a steel frame to provide integrity to the structure, and an

increase in the thermal efficiency of the fabric, to allow for the large percentage of glazed area.

In accordance with the design SAP calculation, the works were undertaken with precision and skill by the builder to achieve the high standard of finishes demanded by the client/architect, the result being a property of exceptional quality.



## Best Small Commercial Building

DESCRIPTION:  
**BEST SMALL COMMERCIAL BUILDING**

ADDRESS:  
**KNM, PLOT 9, VILLAGE FARM INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, PYLE,**

CONTRACTOR:  
**IRB CONTRACTORS LIMITED**

ARCHITECT:  
**KEW ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL DESIGN**

The development is the result of a successful company requiring additional floorspace to expand their business. The building comprises a new steel portal framed unit with two-storey ancillary office 2 accommodation. The premises have an overall footprint of 800m and are used to manufacture PVC windows and doors, with welfare and disabled wc facilities.

The building has been constructed on vacant land and was designed to reflect the character, style and scale of the surrounding properties. The materials used were selected with due consideration to sustainability and energy efficiency, and meet the thermal requirements of Approved Document L2A. A sustainable urban drainage system providing attenuation



and control of surface water run-off, has been introduced to prevent overloading of the main drainage system.



## Old comrades plan a Nile cruise reunion

**THIS** year, Middle East Land Forces Association arranged our final visit to the Canal Zone of Egypt where, along with thousands of other service personnel (and, I am sure, many of your readers) we served and lost many of our comrades who are now buried in the War Graves Commission Cemeteries of Fayid – Ismailia – Moascar – Tel-el-Kebir.

I have been arranging these visits since 1993 and we decided that this April (that group is now full), would be our final visit to the above cemeteries to pay our final respects.

We also decided that we would keep in touch and arrange meetings although we are now in our 70s and 80s.

So we decided that our first get-together, now that we have made our final visit (over 50 visits) to the camps and cemeteries of the Canal zone, should be for us to see the part of Egypt that we never had the chance to see during our service days.

Therefore, we are arranging a reunion on a Nile Cruise ship for one

week, cruising from Luxor to Aswan and back to Luxor, seeing the sights that we heard about but never saw.

Many of your readers I am sure either served in the forces in the Canal Zone during those terrible times, or knew someone who had.

If anyone would like to join us on this reunion Nile Cruise visit they would be welcome. I have 12 places left – spouses are welcome.

I would send full details of this reunion visit and I would apply for visas etc, using the same agents we used for our Canal zone visits.

We are flying from London Heathrow on November 23 and returning on November 30.

If anyone would like full details, please contact me either by email, telephone, or by post.

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## A GEM READER TELLS OF MUM'S POIGNANT TALE OF THE ARSENAL

**I** HAVE been very interested in your recent series of photographs in respect of the workers at the Bridgend Arsenal and to read Mrs Cecilia Pickering's letter in last week's GEM (March 5).

Like many women wishing to participate in the war effort, my late mother, Gwyneth Rustell (nee Williams), went to work in the Arsenal as a young woman in her late teens.

After a period of time and appropriate training, she became an inspector, which meant that she was responsible for checking metal boxes of gunpowder-filled detonators before they were sealed ready for transportation from the factory to the Armed Services.

As Mrs Pickering said in her letter, it was "quite dangerous work!"

Two months after her 21st birthday in January 1943, my mother was unlucky enough to handle a box of faulty detonators which exploded causing devastating injuries to both hands and showering her upper body in splinters of

shrapnel and other fragments of metal from the work bench.

Had these detonators been in perfect working condition, she would have been killed immediately; however, the explosion 'blew downwards', with the result that she lost all the fingers of her left hand, while sustaining very serious injuries to the right.

She spent the following year in a specialist burns hospital in Gloucestershire, where she underwent numerous operations to re-build her hands using muscle, tissue and skin from her legs, which was a very long and painful process.

During this time she met and befriended other young people, including some young airmen who had been very badly burned when their planes were attacked.

Through their terrible experiences, these young people bonded together, forming a tight-knit support group and she often spoke of the kindness shown to them by local people whenever they ventured out beyond the hospital grounds into the local town.

Prior to her accident, my parents had talked of marriage but my mother refused to contemplate

getting married until she could be completely independent.

Eventually, in 1948 five years after her accident, she and my father married, with me arriving the following year.

I grew up with stories of the Arsenal and despite all that had happened she always spoke of her time there without a trace of bitterness. She spoke of the camaraderie between colleagues who each day faced the unimaginable stress of undertaking such dangerous work, together with the constant threat of discovery, as German bombers were actively seeking the location of the Arsenal on a daily basis.

Sadly, there were terrible accidents during its lifetime – probably far more than we shall ever know and I am sure that, for many former Arsenal workers, there must be a feeling that recognition of the work of these extraordinary people has come a little too late for many.

My mother? Well, she never let her disability get in the way of her personal progress. She became an active member of the

Cowbridge Red Cross, even participating in voluntary nursing duties

at two local hospitals, which she very much enjoyed.

Eventually, she became the branch Commandant (Senior Officer) and during the Red Cross centenary year she was invited to a Buckingham Place garden party.

Alongside other voluntary groups, members of Cowbridge Red Cross were among the first to respond to the Aberfan Disaster, where my mother worked for several days.

As early responders, they were assigned to work in the mortuary, where they were asked to prepare the victims,

the majority of whom were children, for identification.

She never spoke of this dreadful experience, although for all who were there it left a very dark shadow in their lives.

On a happier note, she also joined Llanblethian and later Cowbridge WI, where she made many lasting friendships. She and my father were very well known in Cowbridge and for many years enjoyed a very active social life.

She was never defined by what happened to her in the Arsenal and in truth, many people were unaware of her disability

as she was extremely adept at working around any problem.

Throughout her life, she had to contend with bits of shrapnel, small nuts and screws 'floating about' in her hands and arms, which often required surgical removal but she took it all in her stride with a positive mindset.

No doubt, she would have been most interested in the recent interest shown and doubtless could have put names to faces and perhaps she and Mrs Pickering even knew each other?

**Mrs KATHIE EVANS,**  
Cowbridge

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# COWBRIDGE TEAM RUNNERS-UP IN ROTARY YOUTH SPEAKS FINAL



Senior section winners, Bethan Thomas, Rebecca Daniels and Ryan Martin.

**COWBRIDGE** Comprehensive School was the venue on Friday, March 6 for the Rotary District 1150 Youth Speaks final.

It was hosted by the Rotary Club of Cowbridge and organised by president elect Paul Halstead and his fellow members of the Barry club.

Seven teams competed in the Intermediate Section (11 – 13 year olds). The team from Ysgol Gyfun Cwm Rhymni, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pontllanfraith, whose topic was 'Man's best friend', were the winners and the team sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cowbridge from 293 (Cowbridge) Squadron ATC, whose topic was, 'Will space tourism change humanity for the better?' were District 1150 runners-up.

Judges in the intermediate section were Mr Phil McCaffrey, Mr Colin Lyons and Mrs Eileen Youngusband. Announcing the prize winners, chairman of the judges, Phil McCaffrey said that speaking in public was an important, valuable and necessary life skill. He praised the high standards set by some of the young competitors.

In the senior section (14 – 17-year-

olds), eight teams competed and the team from St John's College, Cardiff, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cardiff, Llanishen were the winners; their chosen topic was 'Learning Foreign Languages is a cultural necessity'.

Runners-up were Ysgol Dyffryn Taf, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Narberth and Whitland. Their chosen topic was, 'This House believes that we should support stem-cell research'.

In line with national rules, speakers in both the intermediate and senior sections had to answer a question from the audience to show their understanding of their chosen topic.

Judges in the senior section were Mr Graeme Milnes, Mr Glyn Morris and Mr Laurie Pavelin. Speaking on behalf of the judges, Mr Milnes spoke again of the high standards set by the contestants.

Presenting the prizes, District 1150 Governor Sandra Townsend paid tribute to everyone – competitors, parents, teachers and Rotarians – who had worked so hard to make this round of the competition so successful.

Winning teams will go on to the regional final, which will be held in England on Saturday, March 21.



Intermediate section winners: Morgan James, Lowri Haskell, and Lauryn Stokes with Rotary District Governor Sandra Townsend.

## Macmillan appoints first Welsh Chief Executive

**MACMILLAN** Cancer Support has appointed its first ever Welsh Chief Executive – Porthcawl-born Lynda Thomas.

The fluent Welsh speaker is a former pupil of Ysgol Llanhari in Pontyclun and is former director of fundraising at the charity.

She started her career working in communications for charities including Action for Children and NSPCC.

She joined Macmillan in 2001 as head of media, where she developed the charity's campaigning arm and was part of the team that oversaw the development of the award-winning brand. She was promoted to board level as Director of External Affairs in 2007.

In August 2011 she became Director of Fundraising where she led the charity's 400-strong fundraising team, which has increased fundraising income by more than a third in the last three years.

In November 2014, Lynda took on the role of Macmillan's Chief Executive Officer (Interim) while a permanent CEO was recruited.

Lynda is also a trustee at the Institute of Fundraising, Women's Sport & Fitness Foundation and a director on the Fundraising Standards Board.

Susan Morris, General Manager for Macmillan in Wales, said: "I'm delighted that Lynda will be our new Chief Executive.

"She has long been a champion for Wales and is passionate about improving the lives of everyone affected by cancer. She will be a huge asset to Macmillan across the UK."

Lynda commented: "Having worked at Macmillan for almost 14 years, I know only too well the huge difference we make to the lives of people affected by cancer so I feel truly honoured to become Macmillan's new CEO.

"With the number of people affected by cancer in Wales set to reach 250,000 by 2030, we have a huge challenge ahead, but I believe Macmillan has never been better placed to deliver the support and change needed to ensure no one faces cancer alone."



LYNDA THOMAS.

## RHYDIAN (8) BAGS WINNING ART DESIGN!



Rhydian shows off the winning design.

A BARRY schoolboy has bagged a big prize in an art competition organised by the town's Tesco store to tell customers about their Click + Collect Groceries online shopping service.

Rhydian John (aged 8) of Oakfield Primary School, won £300 for the school, plus a £25 Tesco gift card for him.

His winning artwork has been printed on 250 reusable jute shopping bags which will be distributed free to parents and children at his school.

This week young Rhydian and classmates visited the Click + Collect unit at Tesco Barry to pick up their prize.

## Put on a funny face for Comic Relief...



A GROUP of Cardiff, Newport, showrooms, purchase a Volkswagen, red nose 'funny face' sticker, write their name on it, and place it on one of the six Volkswagen cars. The stickers can be purchased for £2, and for each one placed on the car, Sinclair will donate a further £1.

At Sinclair Volkswagen, car enthusiasts are asked to drop into one of the staff in Bridgend, drop into one of the

## Students quiz Vale MP



WELSH Baccalaureate pupils from Bryn Hafren Comprehensive in Barry (above) recently quizzed Vale MP Alun Cairns on local issues, such as Barry Island re-generation, 3G sports pitches in the area, and co-educational schooling in the town.



# Rhoose Point future takes unexpected turn as developers fall out over flooding!

**LOCAL residents objecting to a development is nothing out of the ordinary – but at Rhoose Point, it is neighbouring developers who are doing the objecting!**

The matter will probably be discussed at

the meeting of the Vale Council's planning committee tonight (Thursday) when plans by Taylor Wimpey to build 350 homes and a new school come up for consideration.

For this application Taylor Wimpey is the builder, and South Wales Land Development is the landowner.

## REPORT by PHILIP IRWIN

However, two other landowners, who are intending to build homes on a neighbouring site, are not happy, and have issued a joint press release urging South Wales Land Development to work with them on important

aspects of the infrastructure – in particular anti-flooding measures.

However, Taylor Wimpey have responded with a statement saying that they have made "significant efforts" to work with the other developers over a period of 15 years, with no success.

The Hardy and Davies families, whose adjoining 30 acres of land is the subject of a planning application by Persimmon and Bellway Homes, are appealing to South Wales Land Development to collaborate with them to invest in solutions to address flooding problems and congestion issues in Rhoose.

The joint statement said: "The scheme by Persimmon and Bellway Homes (land to the east) to develop 350 new houses includes the creation of a new road that will provide access from Pentir Y De and a new sewage drainage system to Porthkerry pumping station.

"The sewage drainage system will accommodate the new homes from the eastern site and the 350 homes

and the school on the site to the West. There will also be a new surface drainage scheme which will divert water by gravity pipe direct to the sea and eliminate flooding from both development sites and the whole area".

The two families say that the Taylor Wimpey scheme has been the subject of objections by the public due to the concerns that it will cause further congestion and flooding, a claim strongly denied by Taylor Wimpey.

Network Rail has also objected to the South Wales Land Development plans due to concerns over the diversion of a public footpath.

According to the joint statement, South Wales Land Development has refused to speak to the Hardy and Davies families until a planning committee decision has been made on the Taylor Wimpey proposal.

It goes on to say that further objections have been raised as the proposed surface water scheme by Taylor Wimpey is untested and could result in flooding for Rhoose residents.

There will also only be a pedestrian link between the school being built on land to the west and the recreational facilities on land to the east. The Persimmon and Bellway Homes scheme provides "vehicular and pedestrian access" between the school and recreation facilities.

If the Taylor Wimpey scheme is agreed and access between the school and recreational facilities is required in the future, it will be at a cost for the tax payer.

Mr Philip Thomas spokesman for the landowners of the eastern development said: "We strongly urge Taylor Wimpey and South Wales Land Development to join our comprehensive scheme which would provide a more accessible property development.

"We believe it is important to work together so that the development is as appealing as possible to future house buyers and causes minimum disruption to Rhoose residents.

"The site proposed by Taylor Wimpey and South Wales Land Development will most likely cause further congestion in an already busy area. We want to

ensure our development helps the Rhoose residents by cutting down congestion and eliminating flooding, but we can only do this if the council and residents help us encourage Taylor Wimpey and South Wales Land Development to join our scheme and the council reject their proposals".

A decision on the Taylor Wimpey scheme could be made at the planning meeting tonight (Thursday).

Coun Philip Clarke represents Rhoose on the Vale Council, and he has similar concerns.

He said: "I believe that Taylor Wimpey has submitted this application rather than negotiate and pay towards the infrastructure costs (roads and drainage) for the whole site.

"My main concern is that the proposed surface water scheme could cause future flooding. Furthermore, there is a 'ransom strip' between these sites which could be breached by compulsory purchase in the future to join up the roads within the site and would be at great cost to the taxpayer.

"I have noted correspondence that the Vale Council's planning department has stated that this proposal is not good planning.

"As an independent elected member I recommend that this application is refused on the basis that the comprehensive scheme for the whole site regarding drainage and highways is the only option for resolving this matter in the long term interests of the residents".

Vale Council planning

officers are recommending that the scheme should go ahead, subject to a number of conditions.

A Taylor Wimpey spokesperson responded: "Our outline planning application for 350 houses, a new primary school, public open space and pedestrian/cycle links is supported by a surface water drainage strategy which allows the site to be developed independently of third-party land.

"This strategy will include measures to improve the drainage of the site in its current state by storing surface water from heavy rainfall events and restricting its flow to the existing local drainage network. Our drainage proposals for the site have been developed as the application has progressed and are fully supported by officers at the local planning authority.

"Contrary to claims, significant efforts to work with neighbouring developers on a comprehensive development have been made over a period of 15 years, but these have proved unsuccessful. It is our view that the only way to deliver much-needed homes on this site – and in doing so allow the council to deliver a new local school and other associated community benefits – is to pursue a scheme with standalone access and drainage solutions.

"After being subjected to rigorous analysis, our application is supported by both local policy and council planning officers and the scheme stands on its merits."

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# Diamond wedding celebration for Jim and Brenda



ABOVE: Jim and Brenda Wilson (centre) with family and friends who were keen to offer their best wishes to mark the couple's diamond wedding anniversary.

## Barry and District Ladies Skittle League

### RESULTS for Friday, February 23:

**Division 1:** Allsorts (H Burlington 29) 274, Family and Friends (J Jones, R Commins, C Matthews 26) 266; Coppers (S Davies 33) 333, Family Affair (S Wilson 34) 353; S V Gals (E Phillips, C Gaffney 30) 290, Pila Palas (D O'Sullivan, M Jones 28) 291; Colcot Ladies (M Snelling 31) 244, Bakers Dozen (J Mullins 31) 269; Red Admirals (G Williams 28) 216, Cigar Ladies (J Wood 25) 255; Special Angels (A Connell, T Jones 24) 228, Space Finders (K Jackson 28) 270.

**Division 2:** Strikers (L Goodwin 28) 240, Rhooose Starlights (C Bryan 24) 205; Roller Coasters (L Thomas 21) 184, Witchill Weebies (K Hill 21) 207; Witchill Widows (L Sullivan 34) 324, SV Lights (B Kenefick 33) 272; Divas (A Bird 23) 227, After Eights (M Hellyar 28) 233; Vixens (K Thomas 30) 271, Breakaways (J Watkins 29) 267; Bobby's Girls (S Sugden 28) 263, Cad Con Fillies (V Heard 28) 266; Clickies (K Watts, M Thomas 28) 275, Castle Bandits (C Kerslake 34) 272.

**Division 3:** Rhooose Ravers (C Bagnell 29) 260, Friends and Neighbours (E Western 32) 243; Jolly Dollies (C Thomas 27) 170, Persuaders (J Neil 28) 193; Airways Angels (M Carpenter 25) 214, Dolly Mixtures (C Abbott 26) 218; Westenders (M Davies 30) 282, Hill Billies (G Moorcraft 32) 267; Rugby Triers (S Watts, M Wilson, V Cawley 23) 232, Merry Makers (R Collins, A Pope 23) 209; SV Ladies (F Butler 30) 269, Etcetera (C Mackintosh, M Grasby 34) 324; Witchill Wanderers (C Reynolds 33) 304, Lil's Devils (S Vidlar 32) 326.

**Division 4:** Twilights (A Campbell 27) 177, Fallen Angels (T Lawrence 27) 229; Rebels (L Saunders, C Carter, D Bull 23) 211, BFFs (C Rees, A Finn 24) 232; Challengers (J Huxter 25) 234, La Belles (J Cordy 28) 257; Railway Rogues (L Whitlock 28) 235, Wyndham Witches (P Cannon 27) 204.

**Division 5:** Smurfs (R Emmott 28) 179, Socialites (J Fumis, D Marks 24) 236; Liberals (K Palmer 29) 239, Optimists (Bond 25) 228.

## LLANTWIT UNDER-10s IN A FINE VICTORY

AFTER a hard defeat last week to St Peters, Llantwit Major under-10s were back on their home ground, trying to shake off the loss.

Old Penarthians were welcomed to Llantwit on a very miserable morning to play four 10 minute quarters.

Llantwit started the game with very strongly, with some great running from Sam A, Sam H and Dylan M, all three of whom scored in the first quarter.

Old Pens were strong and disciplined, and it took Llantwit some great passages of play to break through the defensive line.

Llantwit's defence was determined not to let anything past them, and they worked hard to keep the Old Pens out.

It was Llantwit who got the upper hand again in the second quarter, with four more tries coming before half time from Iwan, Rhys D, Rhys G and Sam A.

At the start of the third quarter the Old Pens came out fighting, determined to get a score on the board, and putting constant pressure on Llantwit's defence. Eventually they opened up a small gap, enough for a fantastic run from one of their players to score their first try of the match. With their heads up, the Old Pens were after another score, and with some

determined tackles and strong running they were able to break through Llantwit's line for a second time.

The Old Pens were attacking hard, but Llantwit lined up and managed to keep them out and create space for their own player, Tom, to break through and run for the line to score Llantwit's eighth try of the match.

The final quarter of the match, saw some great rucking from Llantwit, gaining turnover ball and then passing down their line, opening the field for one final try of the match from Sam H.

The final score was Llantwit 9, Old Penarthians 2; try scorers: Sam A (2), Sam H (2), Dylan M, Iwan, Rhys D, Rhys G and Tom. Man of the match: Corey for putting himself everywhere on the pitch.

**Squad:** Corey Lougher, Tom Roberts, Logan Pike, Sam Harry, Iwan Thomas, Owen Hill, Dylan Morgan, Caleb Beare, Rhys Greenaway, Abraham Farrell, Aneurin Price, Rhys Davies, Olly Williams, Sam Alexander, William Harrison-Watts, Josh Wakeham, Cristian Parry, Dylan Wright and, playing his debut match for Llantwit, Ollie Jenkins.

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## 'Don't let our village turn into a town!'

**N**EVER before have we written to a newspaper, nor are we politically minded; however, we do feel very strongly about the new proposals for the development of a further 350 houses north-west of Rhose Railway line, hence this letter.

Having chosen specifically to live in Rhose over 13 years ago, we did so because it was a small, quiet, friendly village. Sadly, planning

### The benefits of speaking Welsh

**I** WOULD like to say thank you to Peter Reed, who in response to my letter in The GEM, is making an attempt to 'enlighten' me on the joys of being able to speak Welsh, and why it would be of benefit to my life!

I am no Nationalist, would not be encouraged to vote for a specific political party because of the language I spoke, or would I want to be given

a guarantee of a job for the same reason either.

What the writer seems to be saying is that if a Scots, English or Irish person were better qualified than a Welsh-speaking person to fill a vacancy at S4C, BBC Wales, etc, or the WAG, the Welsh-speaking applicant would get the job – even though under-qualified!

The response has an unhealthy tone about it, and the footnote added to the letter says it all.  
Anne Usher, Barry.

### 'Four reasons why Island does not need fairground'

**W**E do not need a fairground in Barry Island again – and there are at least four simple reasons why:

- There is no infrastructure to support it, a lack of permanent vehicle parking for increased visitors on the Island, and the knock-on effect throughout the whole town of increased congestion.

- Increased noise and disruption for Barry Island residents.

- Proximity to a large supermarket and up to 2,000 new dwellings; placing it at the centre of a limited residential area.

- The impact on the attractiveness of Barry Island as a tourist destination. Many people visit the Island because it offers a respite from the demands of urban living.

They want to spend time in an environment that is rejuvenating and sustaining.

Why should the short-sighted demands of a few businessmen and the lack of a long-term vision by our elected representatives destroy the potential of a small

oasis of calm in an environment that has been vastly overdeveloped?

Barry Island should be free to everyone, not just those who have enough money to buy the goods and services being offered. How many Barry residents will be able to afford the high cost of temporary funfair rides?

The land the fairground stood on should be designated an open park, with small commercial enterprises and access to all.

It is time for some creative big thinking and sensitive action. We need to learn and move on from the safety of our past and develop a present and future for our children that is nurturing and enriching.

The picture of the Waterfront development shows how close it is to Barry Island. The new Island road is going to have four sets of traffic lights, giving some indication as to the amount of congestion anticipated in that area.

Glyn Pooley, Barry (artist).  
(Do other GEM readers agree or disagree that Barry Island does not need a fairground?)

permission has already recently been granted for 350 homes to be built to the north-east of the railway line.

This will substantially add to the already overburdened, meagre facilities available in Rhose, not to mention the resulting increase in traffic.

We accept that most villages throughout the Vale feel the same regarding development but the enormous increase of 700, we believe, is unprecedented.

These houses do not appear generally to be falling within the category of inexpensive first-time buyer/social housing, which most of us accept is required in rural areas but not in such high numbers for Rhose, so for whose benefit are they really being built?

Although the proposed area is not rated as being of any real conservation interest, it does, however, have a bat colony of some interest and is a green area, one of few remaining in the actual village.

Surely there are brown areas available in the Vale more suitable. The latest amendments made to the proposals are also very questionable – they may well cause flooding problems for Rhose Point residents and will almost certainly cause traffic problems for Porthkerry Road and backing-up of traffic in surrounding roads especially at peak times.

We pray that someone, somewhere will see sense and stop this further development before it is too late to save our lovely village, turning it into a town without the necessary infrastructure to support it.

The battle to save the area north-east has already been lost – please don't let us lose this battle, too.  
L P Bond, Rhose.

### 'Please stop the politics!'

**P**LEASE, Mr Cairns, stop politicking! It is the Conservatives who are responsible for the council tax increase and are determined to take us back to the 1930s.

They want the private sector (for profit) to take over public services (just look at home care, etc).

They don't care for those less well off, who can't get a job, or the disabled and disaffected (welfare sanctions, bedroom tax, etc).

A Phillips, Barry.

### Who remembers Wren Wilson?

**T**HOUSANDS of people all over the country, including many readers of your newspaper, served at the Royal Navy shore training establishment HMS Collingwood.

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We hope to return the medals to her or her

family. Did you serve with Chief Wren J M Wilson, either when she was a Chief, or at any time before? Is 42359 near your Service number?

The association would like to hear from any of your readers.

Those wishing to join the association are just in time for our next reunion to be held at the Hillcrest Hotel, Widnes, on April 17–20, email [hmscollingwood42@gmail.com](mailto:hmscollingwood42@gmail.com) or contact Shirley Winn on 01983 405116.

I am certain your readers will come up trumps.  
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## Time to focus on plans for your dream home

**E**ASTER is falling early this year, and that means it is almost time to make a start on improvements to the home or garden.

A long winter has given homeowners the chance to plan and daydream about what needs doing, and how to go about doing it.

This week's GEM feature offers the chance to find an expert to advise you, or

a supplier who has just what you need, or a craftsman who can make your dream project a reality.

Whether it's a question of tackling some heavy work in the garden, cleaning or repairing your household appliances, or looking for a new item of furniture – there is a local supplier that is a perfect match for you!

It's amazing how some sunny days can focus the mind.

It may still be the same winter garden that looked so grim in the rain and the cold, but sunshine makes it a potential oasis again.

Suddenly, it is so much easier to imagine how things will look when that new path has

been laid, or when that new water feature is on stream.

The same thing applies in the home. There is nothing like sunshine streaming in through the windows to focus the mind on how that shabby room might look with a little imagination and TLC.

There are so many local traders who can help make any project in the home or garden come to fruition – no matter how ambitious or modest it may be.

Easter is the traditional catalyst for home improvement projects, so this year you have the opportunity to make an early start.

Get planning and good luck!

### Gardening expert's talk

**N**EXT Wednesday (March 18) following the AGM of Cowbridge Physic Garden, there will be a talk by horticulture expert Bob Brown, and members of the public are invited to attend.

A spokesman said: "Bob Brown is founder and proprietor of

Cotswold Garden Flowers, in Evesham, Worcestershire. He is a superb plantsman, a stalwart of the RHS and displays an enthusiastic and encyclopaedic knowledge of plants, flowers and their care and attention.

"He is also a highly entertaining speaker and is full of such wisdoms as — 'Perennials are the ones that grow like weeds, biennials are the ones that die this year instead of next, and hardy annuals are the ones that never come up at all.'"

The talk takes place at the Quentin Suite, Bear Hotel, Cowbridge at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 (available at the door). All welcome to attend.

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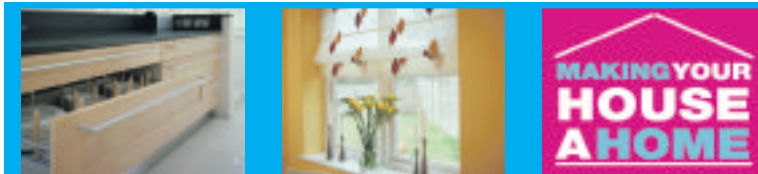
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## WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE IN THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN

Mr and Mrs Stradling and Ms Alexander – **1 Rectory Road, Penarth** – Partial demolition and rebuild of coach house to form residential unit.

Vale Council – **Cwrt y Vil Community Centre, Byrd Crescent, Penarth** – Part demolition and rebuild.

Mr Lewis Rees – **47 Westward Rise, Barry** – Proposed two storey extension to rear of existing domestic dwelling to replace existing ground floor extension and conservatory.

Mr and Mrs Michael Nicholas – **Sideways, 65 Eastgate, Cowbridge** – Proposed single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling.

Mr Andrew Staddon – **9 Crescent Close, Cowbridge** – Proposed two storey extension.

Associated British Ports – **ABP Port of Barry, Atlantic Way, Barry** – Proposed solar photovoltaic system with an output of 10MW including raising of ground levels.

Ms RL Parry-Roberts – **22 Hillside Close, Barry** – The erection of a timber granny annexe for an ancillary residential use.

Mr Gareth Lawrence – **Middle Stump, Beach Road, Southerndown** – Rear single storey extension.

Mr Andrew Evans – **6 Meadow**

**View Court, Sully** – Single storey extension to front and rear with new porch. Existing double garage to be demolished and replaced with off road parking.

Mr Matthew Page – **1 Ewbank Close, Coldbrook, Barry** – Demolition of existing single storey porch and construction of two storey side extension.

Mrs Marilyn Gomaa – **31 Eagle Road, St Athan** – Ground floor WC with front storm porch.

Mr and Mrs Chris and Nicola Hicks – **Hougmont, 32 Old Port Road, Wenvoe** – Construct new porch.

Professor Paul Furlong – **The Coach House, 78 Stanwell Road, Penarth** – Removal of condition and change of use to separate dwelling.

DS Properties – **North Hydraulic Pumping House, Hood Road, Barry** – The demolition and removal of the existing granite and brick machine bases from South Range, and associated reconstruction in the external public area.

Mr and Mrs I and R Hopkin – **Fern Lodge, Llanquian Road, Aberthyn** – Demolition of existing conservatory and balcony/patio area on side elevation and construction of single storey side extension.

Mr Alexandra Goodson – **Barn at**

**Pen Y Bryn, Llanmaes** – Amendment to Condition 3 of planning permission ref 2012/00941/FUL to substitute new method statement ref WWE 110510/MS/NRW.

Mr and Mrs Marsh – **8 Cae Rhedyn, Craig Penllyn** – Conversion of existing basement into habitable accommodation ref 2014/00912/FUL.

Mr Justin Williams – **28 Baron Road, Penarth** – Rear two storey extension.

Ms Deborah Loth – **15 Stanton Way, Penarth** – Single storey rear extension.

Mr Anthony Williams – **85 Lavernock Road, Penarth** – Construct new garage in garden to rear of 85 Lavernock Road and to form new crossover to allow access.

Mrs Sarah Patten – **1 The Spinney, Aberthyn** – Part demolition of existing garage and construction of a single storey dining room extension and re-cladding the first floor of the existing house.

Mr and Mrs D Hughes – **17 Lakeside, Barry** – Providing a roof canopy over an existing balcony to primary elevation plus replacement windows and some alterations to front garden, hardstanding and steps.

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Mr D Laskey/Mrs M Bland – Land next to tennis court at Cross Common Road, Dinas Powys – Resubmission of planning application for access to field including gate.  
Mr Mark Holt – The Old Vicarage, Wick Road, St Brides Major – Renovation/replacement of windows in Grade II listed building.  
Ground Control – The Captain's Wife, Beach Road, Swanbridge, Penarth – G1 – the taking-down and removal of five trunk trees.  
Siteserv Recycling Ltd – Hangars A and B, Llantwit Major Road, Llandow – Change of use of existing mixed Class B1 (Business), B2 (General Industrial), B8 (Storage and Distribution) warehouses known as Hangars A and B to a waste transfer station, storage of municipal waste and ancillary offices (Sui Generis) and erection of a weighbridge and weighbridge office.  
Vale of Glamorgan Council – Cwm Talwg

Community Centre, Plas Cleddau, Barry – Erection of a glazed canopy to protect a safe play area and associated groundworks.  
Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd – Cardiff Airport, International Pier, Rhose – Removal of existing lighting tower structure supporting three antennae on pole mounts and three equipment cabinets on top of the airport building. Installation of a replacement 6m stub lattice mast tower supporting nine antennae, three replacement equipment cabinets and ancillary development thereto including steel support grillage, access steps, handrailing and open grid flooring.  
CTIL – O2 and Vodafone – CTIL 124028, VF 6778  
TEF N/A, Atlantic Spray Ltd, Priority Enterprise Park, Barry – Installation of base station.  
Mr Kirk Chandler – 42 Pill Street, Cogan, Penarth – Retention of converted garage.  
Mr James Oakley – 20 Heol Yr Ysgol, St Brides Major – Two storey extension to rear of property comprising extended kitchen space and additional bedroom with en suite.  
Persimmon Homes East Wales – Ysgol Maes Dyfan, Gibbonsdown Rise, Barry – Redevelopment of the site for 34 dwellings, car parking and any associated works.  
Mr David Durham – Dickens, 26 Forrest Road, Penarth – Construction of two storey dwelling.  
Miss Sharon Poole – 85 Port Road East, Barry – New two bedroom detached dwelling within the curtilage of 85 Port Road, Barry.  
Taylor Wimpey – Land south of the railway line, Trem Echni, Rhose Point, Rhose – Variation of Condition 11 of planning permission ref 2012/00937/FUL to allow occupation of 20 units, to connect to the public sewerage system, prior to the solution identified in the Hydraulic Modelling Assessment being completed.  
Mr Tom Gent – 9 Grange Close, Wenvoe – The demolition of the existing dwelling and associated garage with the erection of a replacement single two storey dwelling.  
Mrs Chris Suvorov – 2 Mill Close, Dinas Powys – External material alterations.  
Waterstone Homes – Ardwyn, Pen y Turnpike Road, Dinas Powys – Construction of 18 dwellings and associated works.  
Tesco Stores Ltd – Tesco, Culverhouse Cross – Installation of dry cleaning, key cutting, shoe and watch repairs pod to Class 1 retail premises (resited) to that approved under planning reference 2013/01193/FUL.  
Mr Tim Griffin – 18 Darren Close, Cowbridge –

Two storey extension to front of property adding extra room to existing fourth small bedroom and patio beneath.  
Mr Alun Efstathiou – 12 Fforest Drive, Barry – Garage conversion; to convert current garage space into living accommodation.  
Mrs Susan Jones – Westwood Cottage, Broughton Road, Wick – Single walled stone outbuilding, no windows, single door, tiled roof, rainwater to water butts.  
Mr C Lambert – Ambleside, Pen y Lan Road, Aberthir – First floor extensions over garage and facade remodelling.  
Tesco Stores Ltd – Tesco, Culverhouse Cross – Proposed signage to Pod (resited to that approved under planning reference 2013/01194/ADV).  
Mr Yannick Francois – 7 Borough Close, Cowbridge – Proposed demolition of existing flat roof single storey portion of existing dwelling. Proposed two storey side extension to form kitchen/dining and utility space on the ground floor and two bedrooms, one with en-suite on the first floor. Proposed new front entrance porch.  
Miss Dorothy Evans – 8 John Batchelor Way, Penarth – Extend front balcony and replace frontage of present balcony with glass. Canopy over front door. Replace front ground floor window and widen it by 300mm.  
5th Barry Sea Scout Group – 5th Barry Sea Scouts, corner of Holton Road and Everard Street, Barry – Proposed installation of timber fencing to the top of an existing boundary wall.  
Waitrose Ltd – Waitrose, Palmerston Road, Barry – Installation of new external seating, 11 bollards to the front of store and associated works.  
Mrs L Williams, Mrs W Shevington, Miss N Trehaner – Pwll-y-Min Farm, Main Avenue, Peterston Super Ely – Variation of condition 1 to renew planning permission 2008/01138/FUL for the conversion of buildings to a single residence with ancillary uses including class B1 business use and stables.  
Mr and Mrs Howard Lewis – Southfield, 11 Wick Road, Ewenny – Alterations and side and rear extension.  
Mr Andrew Derrick – 172 Jenner Road, Barry – Two storey extension of the side of property, on to the existing driveway and extension to the rear of the property, over existing garage and kitchen. Addition of a garage at the end of the rear garden, adjoining the rear access road.  
Mr and Mrs Mike Land – 31 Sully Terrace, Penarth – Single storey rear extension.  
Mrs Alison Phillips – Fron, Wellwood Drive, Dinas Powys – Construction of new two-storey rear

elevation extension with associated internal and external works to residential property including partial attic conversion and ground works (Ref 2013/00346/FUL).  
Mr Paul Brock – 32 Voss Park Drive, Llantwit Major – Kitchen enlargement, first floor extension and double garage C/W driveway.  
Persimmon Homes East Wales – West Pond, The Waterfront, Barry – Development of vacant land at Barry Waterfront for residential (C3) retail (A1), cafes and bars and restaurants (A3), offices (B1) and community and leisure uses (D1) and D2. Development of vehicular and pedestrian/cycle access including a new link road, regrading of site to form new site levels and associated infrastructure works, parking servicing, landscaping, public realm and public open space provision.

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**JENNER ROAD, BARRY**  
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**BARRY ROAD, BARRY**  
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**MERTHYR STREET, BARRY**  
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**£115,000**



**MOREL STREET, BARRY**  
Mid terraced traditional, through living room, ground floor bathroom, 3 bedrooms, WC cloak/shower room, off rd parking to rear, no chain. ER=D.

**£80,000**



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- Sought After Location
- GCH, Upvc DG, Front & Rear Gardens
- Front & Rear Gardens
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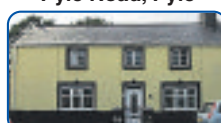
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**£109,950****Pen Y Ffordd, North Connelly**

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- GCH, Upvc Double Glazing,
- Off Road Parking, Garage,
- Front & Rear Gardens
- EPC = C, Viewing Recommended

**£169,950****Pyle Inn Way, Pyle**

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- GCH, 2 Reception Rooms
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- Needs Some Attention, No Chain

**£85,000****Pyle Road, Pyle**

- 3 Bed Semi Detached Cottage
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- 3 Reception Rms, Many Original Features, Front & Rear Gardens
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**£127,950****Ffynnon Wen, North Connelly**

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**£106,950****Gibbons Way, North Connelly**

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- Ground Floor W.C.
- First Floor Bathroom, GCH
- Upvc Double Glazing
- Front & Rear Gardens
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- First Floor Bathroom, Loft Room
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- Internal Viewing Recommended

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- Conservatory
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Converted Outbuilding for Study
- Off Road Parking, EPC = E

**£114,950****Heol Fach, North Connelly**

- 3 Bed Semi Detached Property
- Upvc Double Glazed, GCH
- Driveway, Front and Rear Gardens with larger than average side garden overlooking farmland

**£134,950**



# Porthcawl RFC rugby round-up

**THE Seaweeds went into this match against Pontrydyfen looking to build on their performance the week before at Nantyllyfyllon, and secure the double.**

The result was never in doubt but Porthcawl made heavy work of dispatching a Pontrydyfen side that seemed much-changed from the earlier match and it wasn't until very late in the second half that the scoreboard showed some kind of respectability.

On a fabulously sunny afternoon, perfect for running rugby, for all the possession won, the home side were simply unable to put together the finishing touches and it took a couple of stand-out moments to secure the win.

It all started so well as the mercurial Jordan Skidmore zipped over for an early try, converted by fly-half Ben Thomas and a high scoring match seemed on the cards at 7-0 in as many minutes.

In an error-strewn opening period, another glimmer showed in a great break through centrefield by No. 8 Dai James, carried on by Dave Palmer and Gareth Edwards, covering fully 60 metres, but it all came to grief as possession was lost.

The half-time whistle brought some much needed relief for home supporters who hoped for better in the second half, with so much having gone to waste earlier.

Wing Sam Parker, who had a very sound match throughout, showed a great turn of balanced speed to cross near the posts for the second home try but inexplicably Thomas' conversion rebounded off an upright and it was 12-0.

With Pontrydyfen showing a steely resolve not to buckle, even if it was at times rather unorthodox defence, it was fully into the last five minutes of the match before home support could breathe easily.

The industrious flanker Dave Palmer, solid and workmanlike for the whole match, grabbed an interception in his own

half as the visitors pressed menacingly and with the defence running him down, he skilfully got his pass away to the supporting Gareth Rees, who cantered in comfortably for the try, which Thomas goalied for 19-0 and that was just about it.

A win is a win in anyone's language and the points will be welcomed but the home side created so much for so little return.

The visit to Tonmawr on April 4 provides an opportunity to get another win on the road, before the crunch visit of Pyle to South Road on April 18; coach Rhys James will be looking for two big performances to conclude the campaign.

## PORTHCAWL YOUTH 17 YSTRADGYNLAIS 17 - NATIONAL CUP (BOWL) SEMI-FINAL

**Ystradgynlais had a perfect start to the game when a mix up in the Seaweeds defence allowed them to score an unconverted try.**

Porthcawl tried to rally but sustained pressure from the opposition was soon rewarded with another try. Try as they could, Porthcawl couldn't find any momentum to their play and were yet again put to the sword just before half-time, with a converted try which seemingly was the final nail in the coffin.

However, just like Lazarus rising, from the restart the young Porthcawl side seemed to be rejuvenated and began going through the phases in a more effective way. This soon resulted in an unconverted try for Ethan Wintle.

With Porthcawl now steadily increasing their hold on the game a further try wasn't long in coming, scored by J Thomas. It was all Porthcawl at this stage and another try was the reward for some slight of hand by the backs, scored by Ross Jenkins, converted by Needs.

Tied at 17-17, Porthcawl once again picked up the pace of the game but Ystradgynlais were able to defend their line successfully – so at the final whistle

both sides will have to wait upon the WRU for a new date for the replay.

## UNDER-7s

**It was another wet day and tagging was down, which meant Kenfig Hill managed to score easy tries. The boys need to look for space, be more eager to tag as well as looking to pass and support in order to work as a team.**

Final score: Porthcawl 24, Kenfig Hill 32; man of the match Will Mitchell, achievement award Josh Sealey, Freddie Thomas.

## UNDER-8s - PORTHCAWL 17 KENFIG HILL 17

**The weather was awful but the rugby was great and the character of both teams shone through and brightened up the day for all who watched, with an outstanding free-flowing game being played by both teams who were a credit to both sets of coaches.**

Let's not forget referee Stuart who let the game flow, which is difficult in a local derby and nice to see the referee complementing the game – well done, especially after a very difficult week.

We started the game well and our handling skills in what were awful cold wet conditions were superb, and our passes and catching on the move was first class, with only two dropped balls in 40 minutes.

Lewis won the outstanding contribution award and scored two tries. There were many of the team pushing Lewis close for the award; first was Dewi, running in seven tries and showing some great footwork and running skills.

When we talk about forward energy we think about Dexter and Dylan who in both attack and defence were a handful, hitting gaps with power and giving no space for the defence to move, and each were rewarded with a great try each. We just managed to draw the game 8-8 after being the dominant team in first 10 minutes.

Round 2 was the same, but this time both teams were motoring with tit for tat

tries throughout, with Ryan, after having a quiet first 10 minutes, springing into life. When Ryan gets the ball in space he weaves in and out, and scored four tries.

The next person to mention was Tom who is starting to read the game a lot better and as his confidence builds we will hopefully see some of the strong runs and strong tagging more often - he was awarded the individual effort trophy.

All our players deserve a mention as everyone put a huge shift in, but top tagger went to Piers who threw himself around all day, not taking a backwards step and scoring two tries to cap off a great game to go with his dead leg at the end. The final score in this game was 9-9.

The coaches were very proud of the performance. Training takes place on a Wednesday at 6pm and we are back at South Road, please bring a gum shield as we will be starting light contact. We will take things very easy so if any of you or your children have any concerns please let me know.

*Tries: Dewi (7), Ryan (4), Lewis (2), Piers (2), Dylan and Dexter.*

## UNDER-9s - PORTHCAWL RFC 2, KENFIG HILL 4

**Kenfig Hill were our visitors, playing up at our Rest Bay pitch for our morning's venture.**

Over six minutes of rugby passed without any error or score, which at this level is a truly remarkable achievement from both teams and a real treat to watch, with Kenfig finally breaking the line to go in at the break one try up.

The second period in truth belonged to the Mules who eventually got their bigger players on the ball making useful yardage. Luis Mullins got on the scoreboard for us in this section.

Trailing 1-3 after this period but certainly not being outplayed in any way shape or form, the third period was a much tighter affair as strategies had been exposed and learnt by both teams.

The tackling from the Mules was

stubborn and it was 1-1 at the end of this period with Luis Mullins completing his brace of tries for us in this section before being taken off with a knee injury. The Mules had the better defence overall and created more scoring chances.

We played the right game plan for the conditions and team that we were confronted with. We were unlucky not to score in the brilliant first six minutes as we had our opponents pinned back for much of this period as we attacked in waves.

Every player played their part and should be proud of their individual efforts. Jac Bevan, Max Williams and Brandon Howells put in tackling of the very highest order, with Matthew Davidson, Rory Maguire, Rowan Hill and Evan Carless doing a great job against some very robust defence.

Sam Buckley, Josh Bowring, Jack Childs and Corban Ford added great support and enthusiasm with everything they did, tackling when required, passing when needed and making yard after yard the hard way. Credit also goes to Will Thomas-Parker for a very patient display of control in the tackle area as scrum half.

It was pleasing to see Luis Mullins on the scoresheet as his work ethic in training and on game days is and always has been superb and he reaped huge personal reward.

## JP UNDER-10s - PORTHCAWL 54, KENFIG HILL 28

**Try scorers: Teejay Vickery (3), Josh Woodbridge (2), Luke Roberts, Ben Pownall, Stefan Yardley; conversions: Teejay Vickery, Stefan Yardley, Ben Pownall, Luke Roberts, Spencer Morgan, Sky Llewellyn, Jay Sheen.**

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## UNDER-12s Porthcawl 24, Kenfig Hill 12. UNDER 16s Porthcawl 7, Llandeilo 5.



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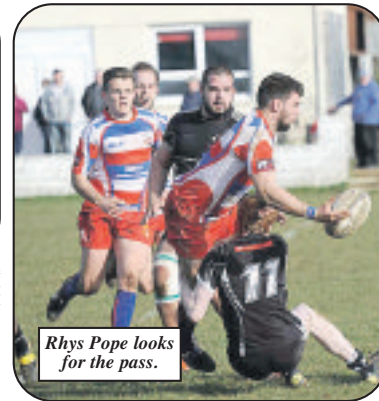




# Promotion dream is getting closer for Pencoed RFC firsts



LEFT: Captain Keiron Moore and RIGHT: man of the match Ricky Sommers cross the try line.  
ALL PICTURES BY JULIE HANCOCK



Rhys Pope looks for the pass.

**PENCOED reached the 50 point mark for the second successive match in this game against Neath Athletic, and thoughts of Division 1 rugby at the Recreation Ground next season are surely not too premature.**

The home side opened with confidence from the first minute and with forwards and backs handling raced into a 14-0 lead in eight minutes.

Quick recycled ball in the visitors' 22 saw outside half Marc Davies open the scoring, angling over at the posts. Centre Lloyd Ryland soon got the second, straightening onto a Davies pass to score, Davies adding both conversions.

Home No 8 Gareth Prentice then did well to snuff out a blindside threat from visitors wing Josh Ebbitt with a fine cover tackle. The Pencoed scrummage, as in recent weeks, was once again dominant, providing front foot ball for their eager threequarter line, and following driving play from second rows Ashley Halse and Ricky Sommers, the home side increased their lead.

Prentice, Rhys Pope and Ryland combined before Sommers reappeared to take play to the visitors line and quick recycled possession saw skipper Keiron Moore straighten onto the final pass to crash over at the posts; Davies converted.

Adam Rowlands then opened the visitors' account with a penalty goal prior to the interval and with the

home defence holding firm, they led 21-3 at the interval, perhaps a negative was the number of penalties conceded on the floor.

Early second half exchanges were fairly even before the home side really started to put their 15 man game together, with far more accuracy in their play.

Pencoed soon stretched their lead with Prentice feeding scrum half Kyle Barrett, who put replacement Glen Hiscocks over with his first touch of the ball.

With the try bonus point now secure the home side started to attack from everywhere and a dynamic run from Rhys Bargery into the visitors' 22 saw wing Liam Halse pick a good line from resultant possession to score under the posts, which Davies converted.

A dominant close up home scrum then provided the opportunity for Barrett, who spun his way over on the blindside and Pencoed led 38-3.

Pencoed then scored the try of the match. Countless passing from both backs and forwards exhausted defensive numbers before prop forward Christian Powell crossed to the left of the posts, which Davies converted.

Neath Athletic then scored a well-deserved consolation try in the corner from Ebbitt, which saw Halse and Tom Cross prone following a clash of heads in their attempts to stop the score, thankfully both players getting shakily back on their feet.

A Somers try brought up the 50 points for the home side and they can reflect on this convincing performance with the second half particularly impressive. Final score 50-8.

Fly half Marc Davies was chosen as the sponsors' man of the match with the industrious Ricky Sommers getting the supporters' accolade.

## PENCOED PHOENIX 58 CROESYCEILIOG LADIES 0

**Pencoed Phoenix ran in 10 tries to keep their finals day hopes alive in this National Super Cup pool match against a plucky Croesyceiliog side.**

Prolific left wing Leanne Burnell opened the match scoring, fielding a kick some 50 metres out before racing away and taking the tackle to gain the touchdown in the corner.

A Kathryn Stonehouse wraparound tackle turned over possession for Phoenix and fellow flanker Charlotte Mundy dummied her way into the visitors' 22 and good hands from prop PJ saw captain for the day Katie Murphy take play to the Croesyceiliog line and quick recycled possession saw second row Lauren Aitken race over.

Prop forward Lowri Francis then put in a big hit at the restart, and further aggressive tackles in midfield from Stephanie Edmunds, Natalie O'Shea and Hannah Brunskill typified the Phoenix approach.

The rangy Mundy then broke to the shadow of the Croesyceiliog posts, where a visitors' indiscretion gave match official Anthony Kavanagh no option other than to award the penalty try. Burnell converted and Phoenix led 17-0.

A Phoenix lineup steal saw them move the ball wide and the dancing feet of Burnell saw her beat several defenders to put Phoenix deep in the visitors' 22, where sustained pressure saw outside half Rhianydd Morgan cross in determined manner for the bonus point try.

Phoenix increased their lead when following a long kick downfield from Mundy, the pace of Burnell put the lone defender under pressure, the ball going loose. The chasing Morgan scooped up the ball impressively on the run to race away from 40 metres under the posts; Aitken converted.

Despite the scoreline the visitors continued to battle hard but could not break down a determined Phoenix defence. The home side then turned defence into attack, centre Nerys Lloyd kicking clear to halfway for Burnell to catch the visitors' full back in possession, and, regaining possession, the fleet-footed Burnell handed off the final defender to score under the posts from 40 metres; Aitken converted.

Kathryn Criger, doing well in the unfamiliar role of scrum half, fed half back partner Morgan and a show and go from the fly half saw her split the Croesyceiliog defence to race away from 45 metres to score at the posts.

Aitken converted, and was soon involved again, driving over for a try in support of her midfield. Second row partner Brunskill then set up the next try with a looping run into the Croesy 22 and the support run of back row forward Amy Stevens saw her crash over halfway out.

Phoenix finished with the try of the match, counter attacking with devastating effect. Morgan broke from deep in her own half before linking with Burnell, the left wing unselfishly returning a slip pass for Morgan to apply the finish from the visitors' 10 metre line and cross for her fourth try.

The match scoreline did not reflect the efforts of a Croesyceiliog side which never gave up, and Phoenix were made to work hard for all they got throughout.

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ABOVE: Lauren Aitken and BELOW: Hannah Brunskill in action for Pencoed Phoenix.



Rhianydd Morgan.

## TOURNAMENT ACTION FOR BRIDGEND SPORTS UNDER-9S



Bridgend Sports under-9s

**BRIDGEND SPORTS under-9s put aside a couple of weeks of down time, to travel to Cardiff for an extended tournament organised and hosted by St Peter's RFC.**

An early morning deluge of rain failed to dampen down the Sports as they scored 10 tries in their first game. They defeated Rhiwbina 10-3 with tries from Joel Rogers (4), Tyron Davies (2), Thomas Chick (2), Callum Lewis (1) and Cian John (1).

Their second game against Whitchurch was a thriller; the Sports set off into an early lead with a try from Mackenzie Dent, only for Whitchurch to hit back immediately and level the scores.

This pattern followed throughout the first half as the Sports scored tries from Tyron Davies and two from Joel Rogers. The first half ended 4-4.

The second half was a lower scoring affair; Whitchurch took an early 2-0 lead and the Sports clawed a try back through Ben King that brought the game within a score. The Sports almost levelled the game in the final

minute but suffered a defeat by the narrowest of margins, 5-6.

It was Llanishen next in another Bridgend-Cardiff derby. Llanishen set the early pace only for the blue and whites to peg them back each time with tries from Ben King and Mackenzie Dent. The sides went into the interval all square at 2-2.

In the second half Llanishen scored early, Bridgend Sports levelled and then took the lead with tries from Callum Lewis and Tyron Davies, only for Llanishen to level again.

Joel Rogers added a further try but the Sports couldn't hold on for victory as the red and blacks scored a late equaliser for the game to end 5-5.

A quarter-final beckoned against a strong Llandaff side, which had remained unbeaten throughout the day. Undeterred and full of spirit this young Sports side were determined to show that they had earned their quarter final place.

It was two tries apiece in the first half with Tyron Davies and Dewi Worrall scoring for the Sports. Bridgend Sports dominated the second half with further tries from Mackenzie Dent

and Joel Rogers to book their place in the semi-final against a rejuvenated Rhiwbina squad.

The Rhiwbina game proved to be a step too far however. Although the Blue and Whites secured an early 2-0 advantage with tries from Dewi Worrall and Mackenzie Dent, Rhiwbina hit back, firstly to level and then secure a 4-3 halftime lead with two further tries; Cian John also scored for the Sports.

In the second half Rhiwbina scored two contestable tries to run out winners, 6-3, and deny the Sports a first final of the season.

It was a long day that helped make up for some lost fixtures over the last two weeks and the Bridgend Sports under-9s can be very proud of their achievement in taking on the Cardiff sides on their own patch.

**Squad: Ben King, Callum Lewis, Cian John, Dewi Worrall, Iestyn John, Ieuan Plliner, Jodi Keane, Joel Rogers, Mackenzie Dent, Mason Balmer, Morgan Edwards, Naarayanan Rajasubeshan, Thomas Chick, Thomas Coles, and Tyron Davies.**

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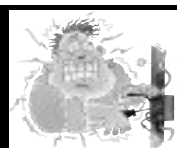
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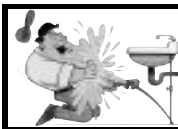
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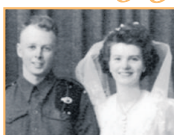
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# GEM FAMILY NOTICES

## FLETCHER

**Gerald James Mordecai**  
Former Councillor and Mayor of Llantwit Major

Peacefully after a long illness, Gerald passed away on 3 March at The Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend with his family by his side. Much loved dad to Sue and Jason, father-in-law to John and Abby, adored grandpa to Aaron, Natalie, Jonathan and Freddie. Stepped to Vincent.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son until the funeral service on Tuesday, 17 March at 10.45am in St. Illtyd's Church, Llantwit Major, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium.

Family flowers only please - donations in lieu if desired to Cancer Research UK or Diabetes UK.

## HANSARD

**Brian Trevor John**

Passed away peacefully, in hospital, on March 5. Dearly loved husband of Myrtle, loving father of Richard and Rachael and loving father-in-law of Mark. Devoted brother, brother-in-law and uncle.

Funeral service will be at the Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on March 19 at 12 noon, followed by interment at the Limes Graveyard. Family flowers only, but donations may be made to National Osteoporosis Society c/o Mel and Ron Watkins Funeral Services, Graigwen, 12 Pentwyn Road, Pencoe, CF35 6SB.

## NIXON

**Dennis (Whiskers)**

Of Llantwit Major, formerly of East London, South Africa.

Passed away peacefully on Tuesday February 24, aged 86.

Requiem Mass to be held at Our Lady and St. Illtyd, Ham Lane, Llantwit Major, on Thursday, 19th March at 11am. We request no black, and in lieu of flowers donations can be made to St Vincent de Paul Society.

*Whiskers - We love you and your memory will remain forever in our hearts. All our love, Anthony, Kerry, Tina and all the brats.*

## THOMAS

**Trevor Ernest**

Unexpectedly, but peacefully, passed away in his 88th year on Monday, March 2, following a short illness. Trevor, of Rhodfa Felin, Barry, formerly Fomnon Road, Rhosce and Abertaw Power Station. Dearly loved husband of 63 years to the late Wyn (Winifred) whom he missed so much. Beloved dad of Lesley and Debra. Cherished grandpa to Melanie and husband Eddie, great grandpa to Jacob and Imogen. Father-in-law to the late Robert Evans (Bob). Loved by so many and sadly missed by family and friends, a real gentleman in every way who always had a ready smile, kind word and touched everyone with his loving heart.

Funeral service at 2pm, Thursday March 19, at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park Crematorium, Barry, leaving home 1.30pm. All welcome to Rhodfa Felin after the service. Family flowers only please but enquiries and donations towards the family's chosen local charity can be made on the day or to Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry, CF63 1EX, 01446 407962.

*Now reunited with his dear wife Wyn, Trevor will be in all our hearts for evermore.*

## MORGAN

**Noela Sophia**

Passed away at Baltimore House Care Home, Barry on February 26th, Noela, formerly of the Tabernacle Chapel, Holton Road, Barry. Dearly beloved wife of Jim, much loved mum of Gwyn, Gareth, and Richard and his fiancée Lisa, mother-in-law of Carolyn. Adored gran of Darren, Kathryn and James, loving sister of Meirion, Ann, Esther and Rowena, loving aunt to all her nieces and nephews.

A memorial service for Noela will be held at the Tabernacle Chapel, Holton Road, Barry on Thursday, March 19th at 2pm, followed by a private family only cremation service at a later date. Donations in memory of Noela in lieu of flowers to The Alzheimer's Society, Cardiff & Vale, Oldwell Court, Ty Gwyn Road, Cardiff CF23 5DA.

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Family flowers only, but donations to The Alzheimers Society.

## WATTS

**Basil William**

Passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 8, surrounded by his loving family. Beloved husband of Rosalie (Rose), devoted father of Liza and James, loving bampy of Nathan and Maddie.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Wednesday, March 18 at 1.15pm. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to Y Bwthyn Newydd, Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, CF31 1RQ.

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Betty is resting at Vale Funeral Home, 181 Court Road, Barry until her service at Cadoxton Methodist Church on Thursday, 19 March at 10.45am, followed by a private family committal service.

Family flowers only - donations if desired may be made at the service to Cancer Research Wales or Barry RNLI. Betty requested that colourful clothing is optional to reflect her cheerful personality.

## MASON

**Clarice**

Peacefully at her home on 9 March, Clarice of Llantwit Major. Dearly loved wife of the late Tom and loving mother to Paul, Wyndham and Wynnette. She was a much loved grandmother and great grandmother and will be sadly missed.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, College Street, Llantwit Major until the funeral service on Friday, 20 March in Bethel Baptist Church at 10.15am, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 11.30am. Family flowers only but donations may be made to British Heart Foundation (cheques only) c/o the Funeral Home. No black to be worn, but gentlemen to wear red rugby shirts if possible.

## MOLLART

**Shirley Vivienne**

The family of Shirley would like to thank their wonderful friends and neighbours for their support at this sad time, also the Reverend Huw for his beautiful service and kind words of comfort and hope. God Bless You All.

## SQUIRES

**Ronald Charles (Ron)**

Peacefully on 5 March in the presence of his family at Holme Tower, Bridgeman Road, Penarth. Ronald Charles (Ron), aged 75 years of Dinas Powys, previously of Bridgend. Dearly loved husband of Marilyn, a loving father of Jill, Lynne and Dawn. Father-in-law of Ian, Jane, and Carl. Cherished bampy of James, Ben, Rhys, Nia and Max. Loved brother of Reg and Pam.

*Ron will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, where flowers may be sent, or if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Marie Curie Holme Tower, Bridgeman Road, Penarth. Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Dinas Powis on Tuesday, March 17 at 11am, afterwards interment at St Andrews Major Cemetery.

## Lesley Anne Stewart

(nee Harris)

Vi and Jon Harris and family would like to thank everyone who has shown so much sympathy and friendship on the loss of Lesley, and also for the donations sent to the Dorothy House Hospice in her memory. We have been overwhelmed.

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## Whitmore Bay Surf Lifesaving Club's achievements of 2014



**THE year started with the Welsh Stillwater Championships in Swansea where a number of medals were won in a number of different races in the pool.**

Over the summer we attended all the local south Wales coast club championships. The weather was generally kind and all our nippers put in every effort and came away good placing's in events such

as beach flags, sprints, board rescue and run-swim-run.

We hosted our second club championships which was a very successful day for all clubs who entered with Rhoeus SLSC overall winners.

The highlight of the day was the tug of war challenge which was closely fought with Whitmore Bay eventual champions.

Together with St Johns Ambulance we were honoured to receive a Royal visit

from HRH Duchess of Gloucester, who officially opened our refurbished lifeguard station.

A number of children and coaches demonstrated beach training skills and were awarded with a round of applause from her HRH and entourage!

September saw a group of mums and siblings take on their first triathlon to raise funds for the club. Consisting of a swim, bike and run, all completed it with a great sense of achievement and aching legs! The money raised has bought a new rescue board.

Following the success of this we are now planning a mini triathlon for the nippers and juniors later on this year.

In October a group of five parents completed their Beach Lifeguard Award to become qualified coaches which are invaluable to keep the club running.

It was with sadness that Roger Knight passed away, who had a lifelong attachment to the club. It was decided to dedicate an annual award in his memory, to the nipper who has shown real dedication and effort in all areas for the year and the very worthy first recipient was Iestyn Neale, aged 12.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all coaches who willingly give up their free time, parents and helpers and of course all the children who show such hard work and determination to make the club so successful. We are looking forward to another great year in 2015.

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## Vale Karate dominate Welsh Karate League

**PENARTH Leisure Centre was the venue on February 22 for the ninth and final Welsh Karate League (WKL) tournament of the season.**

Throughout nine tournaments, beginning in April 2014, Wales' top clubs and top karate athletes have been locking horns to battle for the ultimate titles of Welsh Karate League's Champions of Champions.

Vale Karate have led the way throughout, and over the course of the season have won a record 105 gold medals, 94 silver and 139 bronzes!

At the finale Vale Karate were declared champion club, courtesy of their new record score of 1,589; second were newcomers St Pat's with 614, just four points ahead of Cwmfaen Bushi-Kai on 610.

Kloe Christoforato (14) was most successful individual, just ahead of Charlotte York (15) of Kansei Karate Schools.

Leah Copeland (20) was in third place overall, and the most successful adult having won eight of the nine Ladies' Kata events and three Ladies' Kumite titles.

Kloe has had a phenomenally successful season. She was individual champion in both under-14 Advanced Kata, where clubmate Josh Dwyer was second and in the under-16 Shotokan Kata, where the runner-up was Vale Karate's WUKF U12 European Kata Champion Chiara Baker.

Kloe was also a member of the winning under-14 team alongside Josh and Harrison Williams, and with her mum Heidi took the parent and child Kata title, being unbeaten all season in that event.

She visited the Champion of Champions podium for a fifth time when she earned second place overall in the under-14 Girls' Kumite, the title going to Trinity Hutchinson of WKJK based in Penarth.

In total, Vale Karate collected 14 Champion of Champions trophies as well as a further 22 second and third placed over the 39 categories.

The new season, which kicks off in May is set to be even bigger and better continuing to reinvigorate karate in Wales.

### VALE KARATE'S FINAL RESULTS:

**SPECIAL NEEDS KATA U-14:** Champion BRADLEY JAMES; 2nd

LUCAS WIDDRINGTON; 3rd CONNOR ASHILL.

**SPECIAL NEEDS KATA 14+:** Champ POPPY PARRITT; 2nd ASA MADSEN.

**PARENT & CHILD PAIRS KATA:** Champs HEIDI & KLOE, 2nd GIULIA & CHIARA, 3rd PIPPA & CHRIS.

**JUNIOR PAIRS KATA:** Champs VALE PANTHERS, 3rd VALE VIPERS.

**JUNIOR 8-15 SHOTOKAN KATA:** Champ KLOE CHRISTOFORATO, 2nd CHIARA BAKER.

**UNDER-10 CHILDREN'S TEAM KUMITE Champs:** (Finnian, Leigha, Rhidian).

**UNDER-14 CHILDREN'S TEAM KUMITE Champs:** (Josh, Kloe, Harrison).

**UNDER-10 ADVANCED KATA:** Champ GRIFF HUGHES, 2nd ELLA LYONS.

**UNDER-10 ADVANCED BOYS' KUMITE:** Champ FINNIAN O'DONOVAN.

**UNDER-8 MIXED KATA:** Champ GREGORY JAMES.

**UNDER-12 ADVANCED KATA:** Champ CHIARA BAKER.

**UNDER-14 ADVANCED KATA:** Champ KLOE CHRISTOFORATO, 2nd JOSH DWYER.

**LADIES' KATA:** Champ LEAH COPELAND.

**LADIES' KUMITE:** Champ AMY DAVIS, 2nd LEAH COPELAND.

**UNDER-8 BOYS KUMITE:** 2nd IOLO GODDARD.

**UNDER-16 ALL GRADES KATA:** 2nd EMMA SQUIRE, 3rd ALEXANDRA SLACK.

**UNDER-16 GIRLS' KUMITE:** 2nd EMMA SQUIRE.

**UNDER-12 CHILDREN'S TEAM KUMITE:** 2nd VALE SAMURAI, 3rd VALE WARRIOR.

**UNDER-10 NOVICE BOYS' KUMITE:** 2nd RHYDIAN PULLIN, 3rd SAM STACEY.

**UNDER-10 GIRLS' KUMITE:** 2nd LEIGHA GODDARD.

**UNDER-14 ADVANCED BOYS' KUMITE:** 3rd JOSH DWYER.

**UNDER-14 GIRLS' KUMITE:** 2nd KLOE CHRISTOFORATO.

**MEN'S VETERAN KUMITE:** 3rd RORY O'DONOVAN.

## LEAGUE SETS DATES FOR FOOTBALL FINALS

**THE Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League is holding its annual general meeting on Monday, June 15, at the Seaview Labour Club, commencing 7.15pm.**

League secretary Matthew Davies also announced that it had been decided that the number of clubs affiliated to the league would not increase this year.

He said: "It is with regret that the league has decided it will not be accepting any new clubs into the senior section of the league from 2015/16. This will be monitored on a yearly basis."

The normal deadline for clubs to apply is March 30, but last-minute applications will not be accepted.

In April, the Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League will hold the divisional finals for senior and youth leagues, as well as the Barry Cup Final. All

matches will be held at Jenner Park. The schedule for the finals is as follows:  
Friday, April 10 - Dockers Cup - Division 2  
Friday, April 10 - League Cup Final - KO 10.15am. Sunday, April 19 - ASRS Cup - Premier Division League Cup Final - KO 2pm.  
Friday, April 24 - Billy Butlin League Trophy - year-8 League Cup Final - KO 6.15pm.  
Sunday, April 26 - Steve Williams Trophy - year-11 League Cup Final - KO 6.15pm.  
Friday, April 17 - Brian Riseborough Trophy - year-7 League Cup Final - KO 2pm.

## Ladies team hold open evening

**THE Vale Ladies & Girls Football Club is running an open evening on Thursday, March 12, at St Cyres School, Penarth for new players between 5pm-6pm.**

This is an opportunity to come and meet the largest female football club in south Wales who offer football for girls from age six to senior ladies in the Vale and Cardiff areas.

The session will take place at the new indoor sports hall with club officials and players attending to answer any questions that parents or potential players may have. Come and find out how you can get involved.

To attend the open evening, please email [valegirlsfc@gmail.com](mailto:valegirlsfc@gmail.com) or simply come along on the day.

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# Great point-to-point seasons of Welsh racing

A FEW weeks ago, I received a telephone call from someone wanting to buy a copy of my self-published book *The Races Came Off - The Story of Point-To-Point Racing in South and West Wales, which was published in 1986.*

I told him that I only had a couple of copies left because when we moved house some 15 years ago, my dear wife and daughter had dumped boxes of them on to a skip.

I told my caller that he might be able to get hold of a copy on the Internet and he said he had tried but he didn't want to pay the £70 they were going for!

Anyway, for those of you who have been enjoying my Blast From The Past series of articles here is an excerpt from the book: "In 1976 two additional point-to-points were added to the Welsh calendar. One, the Banwen Miners' was a completely new one. The other, which was the Tivyside was making a reappearance after an absence of 10 years.

"The Banwen Miners', which was held on top of a mountain at Neath in West Glamorgan, had the honour of opening the season. Conditions underfoot were terrible and it wasn't only the horses that were slipping about all over the place.

"Both open races went to invaders, with *Hiccup 11* from the Ludlow taking the ladies' race, and *Drumnasilla* from the South Hereford the men's event.

"A feature of the season was the riding of 38-year-old Ross Farr, a farmer from Aberthyn, near Cowbridge.

"He surprised everyone by winning the Welsh riders' championship with 11 winners, a feat last achieved by Bill Jones many years previously.

"The first of Farr's wins came at the Tivyside, at Lydstep, where he got *Underhill* home by a neck from *Etruscan King* in the maiden race.

"It was at this meeting that Fred Mathias' young son Richard rode his first winner, on the hooded *Hampton Boy*. Marion Thomas, who had ridden in point-to-points for 29 years, made history by becoming the first lady steward at a Welsh meeting since the Second World War.

"This was at Llanybri for the Carmarthenshire, where Farr landed a

## ON AND OFF THE TURF WITH BRIAN LEE.

double with *Underhill* in the members' race, and *East Of Eden* in the maiden event.

"June Lewis scored a most unusual win on *Boundtobe* in the ladies' race at the Gelligaer Farmers' at Lower Machen when beating *Fortcum* and *Mandryka*." (In fact, it was so unusual that my story made the front page of the now long gone and lamented *The Sporting Life*; and not many point-to-point stories made the front page of that esteemed paper!)

I say unusual as earlier in the day, *Boundtobe* had run in the 1.30pm race at Chepstow! Mind you, he had only got as far as the third fence when his saddle slipped and he was pulled up. It was then the quick-thinking June Lewis got him smartly into his box, dashed home to Llanwen for her riding kit, then on to Lower Machen, just in time to declare him for the ladies' race due to start at 4.15pm.

No one was more surprised to see June than her husband Roger, who had watched the Chepstow race on a portable television set, before going out to ride *Philborough* in the men's open race.

It was a great shame that *Sea Petrel*, who won the maiden race at this meeting, did not stay in Wales, for two years later she won the Grimthorpe Cup, which is the only point-to-point run over four-and-a-half miles, at the Middleton fixture and is known as the point-to-point 'Grand National'.

The members' race was the best the Gelligaer Farmers had ever staged. First past the post was Herbert Gibbons' *Vodka Cup*, who scored from two other useful horses in *Half-Holiday* and *Green Art VI*.

Later on *Vodka Cup* met *Fitz* in a hunter chase at Hereford, and at an advantage of 10lbs beat him by two lengths.

*Vodka Cup* was ridden by Tim Rooney, who also that season won the Clive Memorial hunter chase over the same course on Mike Bishop's *Devil's Walk*.

With *Green Art VI* in second place and *Ronaheath* in third, the race resulted in a clean sweep for Welsh horses. *Ronaheath*, a nine-year-old chestnut mare, was ridden by her owner, Derrick Llewellyn. She could go a cracking gallop and during the season she

scored seven times.

In a closely-fought contest for the Spillers South and West Wales Challenge Trophy she beat *Mandryka*, who also won seven races, by 27 points to 26. It was the place points that won the trophy for her.

*Court Lad* added another four wins to an already fine record, and in doing so bagged a course record for the Lydstep course. This came in the open race at the South Pembrokeshire, when he beat *Ronaheath* by a length, with *East Of Eden* a head away in third place, clocking five minutes 53 seconds.

The most improved horse of the season was Cyril Morgan's *Canhe*, who was by *Cantab*, a winner of the Triumph Hurdle. A hitherto wayward sort, *Canhe* in the hands of Tim Rooney won his final three starts.

The saddest moment of the season came at the Llangibby, at Howick, where the grey *Indigo Jones*, a 40-1 outsider ridden by Anthony Reid, died of heart failure after dead-heating with *Devil's Walk* in the open race.

The funniest incident occurred at south Pembrokeshire, when *Hampton Boy*, who was two fences clear in a farcical members' race, persisted in refusing to jump the last fence. But I doubt whether his rider Richard Mathias saw the funny side of it, or for that matter *Hampton Boy's* backers.

Barry Thomas had already pulled up his mount, *Churchill Bridge*, but seeing Richard's predicament joined back in the race, reaching the last fence in time to give *Hampton Boy* a lead over it. This he did, the only snag being that he took a tumble himself, which left *Hampton Boy* home and dry.

*Mandryka*, who had by now earned the tag 'Welsh Wonder', landed the 30th win of his career when finishing a distance ahead of *Fortcum* at the Glamorgan at St Hilary.

One rider who missed the season was John Llewellyn who broke his thigh when a horse he was schooling ran into a telegraph pole.

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# Barry & District league results and tables

## CRIB DIVISION 1

West End 7, Wyndham Cons 8; Moors Boys 5, Liberals 10; Rhooose Social 9, Cadoxton Cons 6; West End Wanderers 5, Railway 10.

League table: Liberals 163, Wyndham Cons 163, Cadoxton Cons 160, Moors Boys 154, Rhooose Social 144, West End Wanderers 144, West End 142, Railway 130.

## SKITTLES DIVISION 1

Rugby Club 6, Liberals C 1; Rhooose Social A 5.5, Rhooose Social B 1.5; Rhooose Social C 1.5, Sea View B 5.5; Cambrian Flyers 3, Rhooosters 4; West End 1, Slammers 6; Liberals A 2.5, Allsorts 4.5; Barries Boys 5.5, Runway Club 1.5; West End C 5.5, King William XII 1.5.

League table: West End C 104, Sea View B 102, Allsorts 87.5, West End D 81.5, King William XII 81, Slammers 76.5, Barries Boys 71.5, Rugby Club 71.5, Rhooosters 68, Rhooose Social B 63, Rhooose Social A 62, Liberals A 56.5, Rhooose Social C 56.5, Runway Club 50.5, Cambrian Flyers 45.5, Liberals C 42.5.

## SNOOKER DIVISION 1

Wyndham Cons A 4, Wyndham Cons C 1;

Harbour B 5, Penarth Cons B 0; Harbour A 3, Savoy B 2; Cadoxton Cons Z 1, Savoy A 4; Rhooose Social B 4, Cadoxton Cons B 1; West End C 4, Rhooose Social C 1.

League table: Harbour B 85, Savoy A 81, West End C 64, Cadoxton Cons B 62, Cadoxton Cons Z 58, Rhooose Social B 52, Rhooose Social C 49, Harbour A 48, Wyndham Cons A 47, Penarth Cons B 40, Savoy B 39, Wyndham Cons C 35.

## SNOOKER DIVISION 2

Railway A 4, Railway B 1; Market Street C 3, Sully Sports A 2; Penarth Cons A 3, Market Street B 2; West End B 1, Liberators 4; Services Social B 3, Cadoxton Cons A 2; Railway C 2, Penarth Cons D 3.

League table: Railway A 80, Market Street B 59, Railway B 59, Liberators 57, Penarth Cons D 56, Services Social B 55, Penarth Cons A 51, Market Street C 50, Cadoxton Cons A 50, Sully Sports A 50, West End B 41, \*Railway C 37 (\* = points deducted).

All league & cup fixtures and results at [www.barryleagues.co.uk](http://www.barryleagues.co.uk) or via Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.

JW

# The Atoms edge out St Peters

THE weather was filthy for this game between Barry Atoms under-12s and St Peters Newport.

Firstly, a quick mention to Jamie who played for the opposition so they could field a side. These boys and girl galvanised as a unit and those available stood up and were counted.

Jack Long tried to organise the side and looked like a captain, and from the battering rams of Owen, Rhys, Couchy, Fin and Ethan, who tried to soften them up, to the dogged determination of Iestyn, Eski, Meg, Mason, Adam and the speedsters that are Jack N, Daf, Jake and the safe hands and push of Jack L.

and Connor, the effort was impressive.

We started off as usual giving away the first try but we recovered and shone, showing what we are capable of.

The ball was played out from Daf to Jack, who passed to Connor, putting in Jack N who ran with all the assurance that he would not be caught. The conversion was missed but parity was restored, however St Peters scored again and didn't convert.

The second half was a back and forth affair, but a power play again showed what we could do, and Owen drove over last for the try, the conversion in front of posts kicked by Daf.

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# Barry darts league

IN the fixtures taking place on February 27, the Poachers had a convincing 17-4 win over the Runways, with Terry Overton hitting a 180.

The Cwm Talwg had a tense 11-10 away victory over the Dockers, while the BFC Allsorts battled to a narrow 11-10 win over the Park Weasels.

The Billy Ghosts beat the Mariners 12-9 and the Wanderers had a comfortable 15-6 away win over the Hell

Raisers.

In rearranged games on March 6, the Cwm Talwg moved to the top of the league with another 11-10 win over the Dockers, with John Davies hitting a 180 during the game.

The Poachers are only one point behind with a game in hand after beating the Mariners 18-3. The Park Weasels travelled to the Caddy Cons Raiders and came away with a 17-4 victory, with Jon Kemp and Simon Rowley hitting 180s on the night.

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# Mixed results for Penarth hockey teams

PENARTH Hockey Club's 1st XI returned to familiar surroundings after two away games, but found little home comfort against the students of Bristol

University, while a weakened seconds more than met their match against high-flying Llanishen & Caerphilly.

## PENARTH 3 BRISTOL

UNIVERSITY 'B' 3 Just three weeks ago, Penarth looked as though they may be involved in a battle to avoid relegation and remain in De Cymru & The Marches 1, but a hat-trick of wins and a draw in the last four games have all but guaranteed survival and taken some of the pressure off their remaining fixtures.

Nevertheless, having moved to fourth in the table, the Vale side obviously remains keen to cement as strong a finishing position as possible and, after leapfrogging Bristol University last weekend, knew that they couldn't afford to lose to the student side, with whom they drew 3-3 in the reverse fixture before Christmas.

After an end-to-end first encounter, the game started at a surprisingly slow tempo but, with only five minutes gone, Phil Lane intercepted a poor defensive pass and slotted home from the top of the 'D' to give Penarth the perfect start.

The home side was clearly the stronger in the opening passages of play, and really should have extended their lead before Bristol hit back on a rare foray into the Penarth 'D' and tied the game with a deflected goal that left goalkeeper Mark Harris with little chance.

Spurred by the setback, Penarth went up a gear and responded by scoring two quick goals before halftime, centre back Joseph Wells provided the catalyst, making an excellent run from deep in his own half before combining with Lane and smashing home via a hefty deflection.

With their tails up, Penarth continued to push forward, passing the ball nicely to create a couple of opportunities before Chris McCarthy finally added a third, slapping in a rebound after another nice Penarth build-up.

Two goals to the good at halftime, the Bears appeared to be cruising against a Bristol side that did not seem to be

taking the game entirely seriously but, as has been the problem on more than one occasion this year, the home side started the second period sluggishly, allowing their opponents back into the game.

Penarth continued to control the game, but again failed to put the ball in the back of the net, with both the strikers and midfield guilty of some woeful finishing.

Despite the Vale side's dominance, the visitors remained a threat and increasingly caught their rivals on the break, leading to a more fraught finale than Penarth's defence would have wished for.

Despite some excellent last-gasp defending, notably from Gareth Hurman and James Davies, and a handful of very good saves from Harris, the students managed two late goals, one from another wicked deflection, to pull the game level and earn a draw that mirrored the result from the earlier fixture between the two sides.

Penarth will be disappointed to only draw a game they really should have won, but avoiding defeat kept them fourth in the division.

LLANISHEN & CAERPHILLY 'A' 5 PENARTH 'A' 0 Missing half their regular line-up owing to absences and the need to plug holes in the senior side, Penarth's 2nd XI was

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# Waiting for the fish to arrive!



FEBRUARY is traditionally a poor month off the shore and there hasn't been much to report at Seaview Lads.

The social side of the club is as active as ever, though. Already the social calendar is full, leaving little time for fishing but we eagerly await the incoming spring species when we shall be awash with flounders, ray, dogs and bass.

There may still be

always going to be up against it as they travelled to Hawthorn to face off against a Llanishen & Caerphilly side that has occupied third spot in the table for much of the season.

Buoyed by the return of skipper Nick Pratt and with the contentious win over Carew having kept them in fifth place, Penarth were determined to get something out of the game in order to remain at the head of the 'division with a division' in De Cymru 2, but were left with a mountain to climb after conceding four first half goals.

With the one-sided scoreline not reflecting the pattern of play - with Matt Birch performing admirably as stand-in sweeper and Zbig Sobierieriski producing a typically solid display in the heart of the back four - Penarth refused to be bowled and took the game to their opponents after the interval.

Despite enjoying more possession in the second period, however, Penarth failed to take the few chances that came their way, and eventually conceded a fifth goal that did little to justify goalkeeper Jason Harris' efforts between the sticks.

Both teams agreed that the 5-0 result did not reflect that match as a whole and, as they had against Cardiff & Met, Penarth came away with an excellent all-round team performance having earned the respect of their rivals.



# PRECIOUS WIN FOR COWBRIDGE RFC

**LAST Saturday on a beautiful spring afternoon at the Athletic field Cowbridge took on Caerau Ely in a must win game for both sides with the visitors just one point ahead in the league.**

The corresponding game at Trelai Park earlier in the season resulted in a 15-0 victory for the home side, so Cowbridge were seeking revenge.

Cowbridge started brightly with a good break from full back Tom Harrison followed by a great charge by prop Ben Worral into the 22 which should have led to a try.

With the Cowbridge pack on top, a penalty in

front of the posts was missed and, as is often the case, the visitors were soon in the Cowbridge 22 and after a brace of penalties spun the ball out from a lineout and touched down under the posts for a converted try.

Cowbridge were soon back on the attack and good lineout ball from flanker Rhod Walker was driven on by the pack over the try line but disallowed for offside.

However, it was not long before Cowbridge were back on the attack as a loose kick from the visitors was collected by No.10 Luc Williams and spun out to Tom Harrison, who ghosted through the Caerau Ely defence to crash over for a sublime try, with centre Tom Sterling adding the conversion.

Despite both sides running the ball at every opportunity, there was no further score in the first half. Unfortunately, the end of the half was marred by a nasty leg injury to No.8 Luke Boys and we wish him a speedy recovery; Luke was replaced by Rhys Jones. The halftime score was **Cowbridge 7, Caerau Ely 7.**

The second half started very much as the first, with both sides attempting to run but what was particularly effective was the Cowbridge kicking out of hand from scrum half Huw Lougher, full back Tom Harrison and fly half Williams, regularly turning the visitors' defence.

This paid dividends with good lineout ball

from captain Matt Wright and fellow second row Alex Lewis. It wasn't long before Cowbridge were back on the scoreboard as the ball was spun out to centre Will Williams, who jinked through the defence from 30 metres to touch down for a fine try under the posts for Sterling to convert after just five minutes of the half.

Caerau attacked from the kick off but a Cowbridge steal from a lineout in the 22 saw the pack drive up the field and again the ball reached Will Williams, who sliced through the defence to glide over for his second try with very good curling conversion from Sterling to make it 21-7 with 30 minutes left.

Despite Cowbridge's supremacy it was Caerau who scored next with a converted try after 17 minutes. Despite this setback, Cowbridge were soon on the attack and several opportunities were missed.

Caerau had a chance to level the score with 10 minutes to go but spilled the ball, and Huw Lougher's clearance gave Cowbridge the breathing space they needed, and they were pressing for a fourth bonus point try when the final whistle

went. Final score **Cowbridge 21, Caerau Ely 14**

So, Cowbridge move above Caerau Ely in the league table with this much-needed win. The boys played with great spirit throughout with the pack playing their best game of the season and the backs running and kicking with confidence. There are still crucial games to come but this victory will stand the boys in good stead.

There is now a break for the final two Six Nations weekends before we travel to Llandaff North on March 28, followed by Canton at home on April 4 and Llantwit Major away on April 11.

The youth travelled to Llanharan on Saturday for the semi-final of the cup against Penallta. Penallta are one of the strongest youth teams around and apparently have not lost a game for two years!

Despite this Cowbridge battled throughout and can be proud of having given Penallta a tough game. Final score Cowbridge 3, Penallta 27.

Finally a reminder that both Welsh games in the Six Nations will be shown at the club so come on down.

RV/RK



Cowbridge under-12s

## Cowbridge under-12s bring home the silverware!

**WITH an understrength squad of just 14 players (including one substitute), the Cowbridge under-12s travelled to the Chippenham tournament last Sunday, to compete against other teams mainly from English clubs.**

Playing 13-a-side, on narrower pitches, with English rules (no hand-offs, competitive lineouts), it took the first match for the lads to adjust, and they recorded their one and only loss of the tournament in this game with some bemusing refereeing decisions going against them.

With a mobile pack, Cowbridge were determined to run the ball at all given opportunities, backed up with aggressive tackling, mauling and counter rucking.

The backs were able to play fast and loose throughout the pool games, gaining a place in the plate semi-final and then the final against a much fancied Hungerford team with an

enormous pack.

This was a tight encounter with both sides determined to take the silverware. Cowbridge had the better of both halves, with the match finally decided by a well-worked, single try three minutes from the end. Cowbridge rallied and held back a strong counter attack to eventually run out well deserved final winners.

The boys can all be proud of their sterling effort, especially as a few (such as the front row) were in their first season of competitive rugby. Well done lads – we were all proud of your performance.

Big thanks to the coaches on the day – Rob and Rob (and Rich) and also all the parents that made the trip.

*Squad: Sam Coates, James Davies, Louis Decaux, James Gilvear, Matthew Gilvear, Ellis Greenwood, Max Hall, Oliver Jarman, Charlie Locke, Tom O'Conner, Lucas Reid, Iwan Thomas-Bartle, Harry Whittaker, Rhys Williams.*

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## Heavy win for the VIFC

**PREDICTED to be a close encounter, VIFC proved too strong for Cogan Coronation, a side who pushed the league leaders to their limit back in September in a 4-3 VI win.**

Club captain Jordan Mortimore has enjoyed a rich scoring record this season and quickly set his side up for a successful start. As designated penalty taker, Mortimore stepped up to score the first of many penalties in the match.

Within 10 minutes, Bill Laing's boys were two up as a scoring tug of war between Dean Cleave and Jordan Mortimore began. The second was Cleave's goal, beating teammate Richie Humphreys to Reece Lewis' corner cross and heading in his first of the game.

Heading into halftime, Mortimore was ahead on the scoresheet. The young striker's second was also a header, Mortimore nodding Humphreys' long ball over the advancing Cogan keeper.

After the break, another VI centreback grabbed an assist. Nicky Cox delivered a pinpoint throw right onto Cleave's head. Two goals for Mortimore, two goals for Cleave.

Sean Flynn scored the VI's fifth goal which was met with a degree of contention by Cogan, before Jordan Mortimore made it three hat-tricks in two games after collecting his own rebound and firing low into the net. Cogan's defence were struggling and minutes later it was another penalty!

With three in the bag, Mortimore handed the reigns of penalty taker to Dean Cleave, who was still one goal away from his hat-trick after seeing an earlier goal ruled out for a foul on the

keeper. Cleave stepped up and sent his spottick past the keeper's left to make it 7-0.

With one eye on goal difference, the VI's pressed forward hoping to score as many as possible, Richie Humphreys bursting through Cogan's midfield and defence to set up yet another Cleave goal, the midfielder notching his fourth and overtaking Mortimore in the scoring – for now.

The VI's top scorer, with 47 goals in all competitions this season, Mortimore stepped up to take another penalty after the forward was brought down by two players. There was no way he was letting go of the ball for this one and scored his fourth of the match and VIFC's ninth.

A huge win that keeps the leaders eight points clear of Wenvoe Arms; the current second place outfit enjoyed a 5-0 win over Knap FC on Saturday and still have three games in hand.

This weekend, it's back one of the VI's cup quests as they face last year's silverware rivals Rhosoe Rovers in the Supporter's Cup semi-final.

The game is in Rhosoe on Saturday, kick-off at 2pm, and is the first time the two sides have met since Rhosoe claimed last year's league title in May.

Thank you to the fans who cheered us on to victory on Saturday and to our sponsors who continue to support us in three competitions – Owens Motor Services, Llandow, Higgy Site Services, Barry. The Three Horseshoes Inn, St Athan.

*Team: P.Lucas, R.Lewis, N.Cox, R.Humphreys, J.Robinson, J.Laing, T.Charles, D.Cleave, S.Flynn, A.Rogers, J.Mortimore. Substitutes: R.West, D.Garrison, J.Austin, C.Goodwin.*

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## Away teams prosper in Cowbridge darts league

**ON Tuesday, March 3 the first round matches in the Great Western Cup (GWC), a team knockout competition, took place.**

The Old Post Ladies lost 1-2 to the Edmondson A, the Highwayman Inn lost 0-2 to Llanharri, the Farmers Arms lost 0-2 to the Edmondson C and the Hare and Hounds lost 0-2 to the Edmondson B.

So, in summary, not a good night for teams

playing at home. This competition will conclude on May 5, when the semi-finals and final will be played at the Hare and Hounds.

*Present league standings after 16 matches are: Llanharri (120 points), Edmondson B (93), Highwayman Inn (84), Edmondson A (74), Hare and Hounds (65), Farmer's Arms (59), Edmondson C (51) and Old Post Ladies (28).*

On Tuesday, March 17, there is a full programme of league matches. The Edmondson

B hosts the Highwayman Inn, the Hare and Hounds hosts the Old Post Ladies, the Farmers Arms hosts the Edmondson A and Llanharri hosts the Edmondson C.

*All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul a cowbridgedarts@gmail.com; up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.*

PJT

**LAST Sunday Llantwit Major under-12s traveled to a wet Brackla's Archbishop McGrath School fields to play Bridgend Sport, not Bridgend's normal ground of Newbridge Fields due to the flooded pitches.**

The initial few minutes looked promising with some good runs from the Llantwit backs and controlled breakdown play from the forwards.

It was Connor Booker who eventually opened up the Sports defence from his fullback position. He collected the ball and charged through to make good yardage only to be cut short by some great tackling from Bridgend.

Again most of the play was from the forwards; both teams demonstrated good rucking and counter rucking but the larger Bridgend unit started to use their size to good use, gaining good yardage against Llantwit.

Llantwit's backs started to create good breaks cutting behind the Bridgend's game

line, but poor handling errors and bad decision making in the wet conditions seemed to be the story of the day.

Eventually the first try had to come, and from a penalty to Llantwit Major Kofi Jones sucked in the defence; this allowed Kieran Daw to open up down the left flank to deliver the offload to Rian Thomas to score in the corner.

From the restart Bridgend came straight back forcing Llantwit to within meters of our own try line. Even with some strong tackles going in, Bridgend's well drilled forwards created a driving maul and charged over for their first try.

Llantwit Major seemed to press the self-destruct button and more handling errors and rash decision making gifted Bridgend their second try. From a scrum on Llantwit's five metre line the ball was carried back over the try line for it to be spilled and Bridgend dove on to it to make it 10-5.

With halftime looming, a scrum was awarded to Bridgend. The outside half collected and drove into the awaiting defenders, only to be held up. A maul was called and Bridgend's giant No8

drove in, ripping the ball and charged over Llantwit's try line. The conversion was completed to make it 17-5.

The second half started with Llantwit coming back strong but still squandering good chances to score by not using the overlap they had created.

The break Llantwit were looking for came from a well won ruck from the forwards, which allowed Cole Saunders to sprint towards the right hand side corner post. He was tackled by the Bridgend fullback but Cole gave a lovely inside pass to the supporting Kofi to dart in to score.

Bridgend weren't going to lie down and continued to attack the Llantwit Major defence until, after repeated warnings from the referee, Kofi Jones was sent to the sin bin for five minutes. This was for numerous high tackles from the Llantwit team.

Bridgend kept driving forward, pushing the defensive line to its limits, but a loose box kick was all that was needed for Cole to counterattack before passing to Ewan Heywood, who sprinted past the defence to score under the posts.

The conversion was completed by Kieran Daw to draw the scores level at 17-17.

Neither team were gaining any advantage, and with the minutes ticking by a draw was the likely outcome. In the dying minutes Bridgend again forced their way into Llantwit's 22 but conceded a penalty for not releasing in a ruck.

The Llantwit forwards all lined up ready to receive the ball from scrum half Stephen Williams, but as he was about to pass it Kieran rushed in calling for the ball.

A quick pass and two defenders left in his wake, Kieran offloaded the final pass to the awaiting speedster Ewan Heywood, who sprinted the remainder of the pitch to score under the posts.

With the conversion completed by Kieran the score looked a bit healthier. The final whistle was blown and the boys again celebrated the win, final

score 17-24.

Llantwit Major made it a hard day at the office with too many handling errors and wrong decisions but this showed how much it meant to them by the way they again dug deep and didn't give in.

Well done boys, the coaches and parents are proud of your determination. Thanks to Bridgend Sports' players and parents for their welcome and to our parents for their support on another wet Sunday morning.

*Team: Rian Thomas, Cole Saunders, Ewan Heywood, Isaac McBride, Jordan Lee-Griffith, Jacob Pereira, Kieran Daw, Kofi Jones, Morgan Thomas, Sam Deere, Sam Jenkins, Sennan Cummings-Jones, Tom Redfern-Hughes, Spencer Williams, Connor Booker, Rhys Lloyd, Luke Thomas, Rhodri Richards and Stephen Williams.*

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## Bridge results RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for March 9:

1st Sue Norris & Su Summerhayes 65.26%, 2nd Marjorie Morris & Linda Pinnock 61.01%, 3rd Barbara Easterbrook & Margaret Bancroft 59.74%.

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# On and Off The Turf with BRIAN LEE

**THE South Wales and Monmouthshire point-to-point season got underway last Saturday with the Brecon & Talybont fixture at sunny Llanfrynach and one person who was there to welcome it in was Joanna Morgan, probably the most famous horsewoman in the world.**

Joanna, who used to ride in Welsh point-to-points before leaving her native Wales in 1974 to work for Irish trainer Seamus McGrath, has ridden and trained winners all over the world and was the first of her sex to ride at Royal Ascot, where she saddled Roca Tumu to win the 2013 Britannia Handicap.

Joanna, who said she really enjoyed the afternoon's racing, saw Welsh champion rider John Mathias bag a hat-trick with *Champagne Benefit* (members), *Rosies Peacock* (men's open) and *Desertmore View* (restricted).

*Champagne Benefit*, who is by *Beneficial*, made it three wins in a

row when finishing alone after sole rival *Kerry Mganga* had been pulled-up. The prolific *Rosies Peacock* held on by a length to beat *Tiger Rag*, partnered by Richard Patrick, and Rachel Hooton's *Desertmore View*, who made all the running to clock the day's fastest time, had 12 lengths to spare over the favourite *Minellacelebration*.

*Desertmore View*, who is trained by Marc Barber, could be aimed at the Dunraven Bowl Novices' Hunter Chase at Chepstow on April 24.

Bridgend builder Roger Willcox had plenty to smile about. *Patricktom Boru*, which he owns in partnership with his friend Bill Corrigan, won the confined under Evan David and his *Lauberhorn*, a five times winner last season, took the ladies' open with regular pilot Anna Metekohy in the saddle.

*Patricktom Boru*, given a good ride by his rider, won by two lengths from *Medicinal Compound* after the odds-on *Harpsy Cord* (John Mathias), the early leader, had taken a dislike to the open ditch on both circuits.

A mistake three from home by *Chesnut Annie*

didn't help her chances in the ladies' open race, and at one time, when leading four fences from the finish, it looked like *Highly Unlikely* would go on to win.

But by the time the last fence was reached, *Lauberhorn* was back in the lead and went on to score by five lengths.

*Chesnut Annie's* owner/trainer Beth Roberts had some consolation when taking the first division of the open maiden with her seven-year-old bay mare *Kims Quest*, who, ridden by Darragh Skelly, won by 10 lengths from the favourite *Milaneen*.

Ogmore's Nick Williams landed the second division on Chris Williams' *Fire Sale*, who came home four lengths in front of *Tunnel Vision*. *Fire Sale* is trained by former rider Dean Coleman at Amroth in Pembrokeshire.

## TIM'S 14-1 WINNER

*Tanit River*, a five-year-old brown gelding trained at Aberthyn by Tim Vaughan, landed the conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Warwick on Sunday.

A 14-1 outsider, *Tanit River* won by four-and-a-half lengths from the favourite *Brave Helios* and was ridden by Alan Johns.

**TUDOR REIGNS**  
**Last Saturday, Cowbridge's James Tudor, riding Brians Well, won the restricted race at the Kingston Blount Racing Club Point-To-Point Steeplechase at Kingston Blount.**

*Brians Well*, the odds-on favourite, was the only one of the eight runners to complete the course. Meanwhile, at Chepstow Racecourse, Evan Williams saddled the strongly fancied *Timesawastin* to win the novices' chase.

*Timesawastin*, who was ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, won by 12 lengths from *Quite By Chance*.

## Wolves too sharp for Lions

ON a bright and warm March morning, Dinas Wolves under-12s put in a very solid performance with some very good team and individual goals against Park Lions.

The team were keeping the ball moving throughout the home side, and looked to switch play from right to left

# It's a busy week of action for the Barry chess teams

**AFTER only having just one match last week, it was back to normal this week with each Barry Chess Club team playing.**

On Monday, the Bosons were at home to the Cardiff Bishops. Both of these teams are normally in the mix for the title, but this year they are both a little off the pace, so perhaps it was no surprise that the game ended in a 2.5 to 2.5 draw.

While the Bosons remain in fourth place and the Bishops in sixth, neither of them are in danger of relegation but can have an influence in who wins the title as they both have to play the North Cardiff Woodpushers who currently sit in third place.

Also on Monday the Quarks entertained the Cardiff Crowns in a division 3 encounter. In the previous week, the Quarks had moved up the table with a 3.5 to 1.5 victory over the Rhondra Spitfires.

This time the match was even closer but with two wins, two draws and only one defeat the Quarks had a hard-earned narrow victory that has moved them up to second in the table, only very narrowly ahead of the three Cardiff teams.

With games to play against table-topping Bridgend and the other two Cardiff teams, the promotion battle is likely to go to the wire.

On Tuesday, for the second time in three weeks, we sent two teams away to north Cardiff. The Camelots took on the Woodpushers in a vital championship clash in the upstairs auditorium, while the Gambits played the youngsters in the Panthers team in the dimly-lit lounge.

With three draws and two wins, the Camelots won this interesting match to move to within a point of the Cardiff Castles. In Matthew Davies' fourth game for the Barry club, this was the first time he had failed to record a victory - still a draw wasn't a bad

result either.

The Panthers had only one player who was older than a teenager, and this was a match when it was an advantage to have the black pieces.

The Panthers won all their three games with black whereas the two Jones boys, for the Gambits, could only manage draws against the members of the Govinderaj family.

However the youngsters fully deserved their 4-1 win as their ratings were at least the equal of ours. The Gambits have now dropped to seventh in the bottom division.

There is a big margin between ourselves and the clubs below us so we can only really move upwards if we start to pick up points.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards, whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

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# Not a gr-eight week for local hockey team

**BOTH Penarth Hockey Club sides remain on course to achieve their end-of-season aims despite going down to heavy defeats against teams above them in their respective divisions at the weekend.**

**WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE 8**

**PENARTH 1**  
On their travels once again, Penarth were always up against it facing De Cymru & The Marches 1 league leaders Wotton-under-Edge, but weren't helped by having a bare 11 players.

The Vale side started the game with only 10 men as Chris McCarthy was late arriving and, unsurprisingly, found themselves two goals down within minutes.

Once McCarthy had arrived, however, Penarth were only briefly allowed up to full strength as Dave Stevens was caught by a Wotton striker's follow-through, causing a nasty cut to his forehead. Due to the heavy flow of blood from the gash, the veteran was forced to remain on the sidelines for the remainder of the game.

Despite the early deficit and permanently being reduced to 10 men, Penarth played some good hockey and were unfortunate not to have scored before the interval, with the Wotton keeper making some outstanding saves, notably from a Chris Baker drag flick.

The home side eventually made their extra man count, however, and added another two first half goals to double the margin by halftime.

Although clearly at a disadvantage, Penarth refused to go quietly and kept applying pressure at the Wotton end, looking for a consolation goal. Their endeavours were nearly rewarded when McCarthy was fouled in the area, leading to the award to a penalty stroke. However, Matt Lewis - in his penultimate match for the club and having never scored for the Bears - promptly missed.

Wotton added another three goals before Penarth finally managed to pull one back, with Baker driving forward and smashing a reverse stick shot into the bottom corner - much to the frustration of the Wotton 'keeper, who saw his dreams of a clean sheet dashed despite getting a touch on the ball. The home side responded by adding an eighth goal late on, however, repeating their haul from the reverse fixture earlier in the season.

Despite the loss, Penarth remain fourth in the standings as other results went their way, and will hope to consolidate their position in their remaining two matches.

**PENARTH 'A' 0 WHITCHURCH 'D' 5**

Although restored to something approaching full strength for the visit of the best of the four Whitchurch sides in De Cymru 2, Penarth's 2nd XI also had a fight on their hands given the gulf between the leading quartet and the rest of the teams in the division.

Locked in a three-way battle for fifth overall - and therefore top spot in the 'division within a division' - Penarth knew that their position would

be strengthened by anything other than defeat, and began resolutely, with a strong defensive effort, led by Zbig Sobiersiersierski and Graeme Jones, frustrating the Whitchurch forwards for much of the first half.

The visitors eventually made a breakthrough just minutes before the interval, however, with stand-in keeper Paul Thomas unsighted as a shot came in from the left-hand side of his 'D', but the 1-0 scoreline still reflected well on a Penarth side punching above their weight.

Knowing that a quick response after the break was essential to getting a result, Penarth threw everything into going forward, with Rob Harrison and the industrious Nathan Townsend trying to keep things flowing through the midfield to the various attacking combinations provided by Dave Watkins, Matt Birch and Sam Salisbury. Few chances emanated, however, and,

with the field having opened up, Whitchurch were able to take advantage of always seeming to have a spare man in both attack and defence.

Despite the ongoing defensive efforts of James Davies, Paul Roberts and Nick Pratt, four further goals followed for the visitors, creating a five-goal margin of victory that did little justice to Penarth's labours.

Although the defeat drops the Vale side one place off their desired finishing spot, they remain level on points with fifth place and an interesting series of fixtures over the final two weeks of the season still provides a real opportunity to clinch the position.

This weekend sees the 1st XI play their last competitive fixture at Colcot Leisure Centre as they host Whitchurch 'B', while the seconds travel across town hoping to complete a Penarth double as they face Whitchurch 'F'. CL

## Sports under-15s earn win over their local rivals

**BRIDGEND Sports under-15s certainly relished the chance to face Pencoed this weekend in what was a local derby and the boys certainly didn't disappoint.**

This was the Sports' eighth win of the season which represents the important milestone of surpassing last season's total of seven wins.

It was clear to see that the Sports were looking forward to this game right from the first whistle as they made an encouraging start to the game.

The Sports had lots of early territory which gave the boys the confidence to gain control of the game and to pose many early questions of the Pencoed defence.

The Sports soon capitalised on their bright start and opened the scoring through scrum half Jamie Richards who made the most of several dangerous phases to dive under the posts to convert this early pressure into points. Will Prosser then slotted the conversion over the posts to extend the Sports' lead to seven points.

The Sports now had a spring in their step and continued to cause Pencoed many problems. It didn't take long for the Sports to score again, thanks to flanker Joe Davies, who made a

the Sports a 12-0 lead.

Pencoed now tried to react by having some territory of their own but due to the organised Sports defence and Pencoed's inability to cope with the tricky weather conditions the home side could not find a much needed breakthrough.

With Pencoed now chasing the game, the Sports demonstrated a perfect second half display on how to close out a win.

This was evident to see as the Sports remained composed even when Pencoed got back within touching distance by scoring a well-worked try of their own, as a result of one of their players making a strong run to set up a try in the right hand corner of the pitch.

But the compelling moment in terms of the result soon came when the Sports hit back by scoring a vital try. Isaac Morris showed his clinical side by scoring a crucial try to the right of the posts to seal a superb 17-5 victory over Sports' local rivals.

Overall, the Sports coped with the conditions better than their opponents and this is testament to the composed manner in which they played.

The Sports were always in control of the game and this win shows that the Sports are continuing to make massive strides as a team. TP

## BARRY SECONDS ARE PIPPED BY CLWB RYGBI

**BARRY 2nd XV finally returned to action following disruptions due to opposition dropping out, inclement weather and the Six Nations tournament, with their visitors Clwb Rygbi.**

Coach Rhidian Scott and manager Ken Chow handed a debut to Neil Bragg for his first game of rugby in his career. There were also recalls for Josh Flynn, Adam Lee and Kyle Case, with Tom Poole in the unfamiliar role of scrum-half.

The disruptions to the team were reflected in the early exchanges as Barry struggled to have any fluency in attack.

It was only some superb defending, led by captain Lee Jones and his back row partner John Miles, that prevented the away side from opening the scoring.

Instead, it was Barry who troubled the scorers first, as Lee intercepted a Clwb Rygbi move, before running the full length of the pitch to be stopped just short of the



**ABOVE and RIGHT: Barry seconds were back in action against Clwb Rygbi, and HOWARD POOLE was there to capture the action.**



line. His timely offload, however, found the supporting Rhys Knapman who touched down for the try. Lee failed to add the extras.

The visitors replied with more sustained pressure and responded with an unconverted try to level the scores and seemed to have the upper hand in open play.

Barry, however, had complete domination at

scrum time and frequently disrupted the CRCC feed. This allowed the home side to retrieve possession and gain some territory, and from a quick-tap penalty, the opportunistic Joel Williams broke through to score under the posts; Williams' conversion was a formality.

Lee further increased the home lead with a well-struck penalty, and just before halftime, worked move ended up Dave Williams scavenged possession in his own half, outpacing the visiting defence to score in the corner. Lee failed to add the extras to make the halftime score 20-5.

The second interval, however, was a completely different story. With the elements to their advantage, and the home players visibly wilting in the sun due to lack of match fitness, CRCC piled on the pressure and scored two quick tries to bring themselves back within three points of Barry.

The green-and-whites had no answer to the away side's onslaught as tackles were missed and defensive shape broken. Another away try meant that the visitors were now in the lead, 24-20.

Barry struck back late

on, as a quickly taken penalty in a rare foray into the opposition's 22 saw the ball spread to Jason Thomas, who crashed over under the posts. Lee's conversion made it 27-24. Barry were unable to hold out in the dying minutes, however. A comedy of errors in handling a long, hopeful kick saw CRCC regain the lead, before a well-worked move ended up with another converted try to take the game beyond the hosts, the final score 38-27.

The management will hope that this game will have given some much needed match fitness to a number of players who have not donned the jersey for the past few weeks, and the 2nd XV will have to be at their best for their next encounter on Tuesday, March 24, kick-off 7pm at Cardiff Arms Park, with Rhiwbina their next visitors in the league four days after.

*Team: Lee; Knapman, D Williams, Evans, Bragg; J Williams, Poole; Thomas, Turnbull, Corne; Flynn, Dutton; Jones ©, Miles, Rolfe. Replacements: Ring, Westall, Case, Evans, Provis. Man of the match: Bragg. KC*

## WIN FOR ATHLETIC

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White kicked an excellent conversion to put the Athletic 10-5 ahead.

No 8 Tom Penry-Ellis and Sean Williams broke from a scrum on halfway and a try looked on before a final scoring pass was intercepted. An even contest was suddenly turned when replacement Athletic prop Wayne Fookes was yellow carded for an infringement.

Merthyr took advantage to set up a series of catch and drives inside the Athletic 22. Eventually the pressure paid off when second row Ben Murphy dived over in the corner to level the scores. The Athletic were convinced he had dropped the ball in the grounding motion but their pleas fell on the deaf ears of referee Martin Newman.

A few minutes later they were further aggrieved by another decision. Josh White took a penalty on halfway kicking for the corner. However the ball stayed in field and appeared to be heading over the dead ball line. However such is the perverse nature of a rugby ball it took a right angle bounce behind the Merthyr try line.

Merthyr scrum half Luckewell made a complete hash off minoring the ball, knocking it forward. MaCausland was one of the few players from either side to follow up

the kick and touched down.

When the referee eventually arrived on the scene to the astonishment of both sets of supporters he gave the Athletic a scrum five.

Despite only seven men in the scrum the Athletic scrum was very secure. No 8 Tom Penry Ellis picked up and the Athletic pack set up a series of drives at the Merthyr try line.

Eventually captain Sean Williams found himself over the try line, but with a wall of Merthyr players preventing him touching down. Showing great improvisation he bent down and put the ball down back between his legs for the match-winning try.

The Athletic coaching team of John Apsee, Stuart Morris, David Williams and Ian Greenslade were absolutely delighted with the result. Apsee said: "This was a display full of skill, guts and determination with all players playing at their potential. Top sides do not always give the Athletic the respect they deserve - but recent results will change that."

The club have a two week international break before visiting fifth placed Pontypool on March 28. Thanks are due to Mr Robert Williams of Ogmores Farm Riding Centre for sponsoring the fixture.

## Barrivale bridge results



**LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for March 3:**

=First, Kay Dyer and Mark Roderick, 62.08 per cent; =First, Mike Close and Peter Millar, 62.08; third, Mick Green and Diana Jones, 57.50. Hilary Laurence and Vivien Liles won on handicap, while the handicap winners of the Barrivale Mixed Pairs were Lyn Matthews and Alan Jones (pictured).

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

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## Sully bridge results

**RESULTS for Monday March 2:**

North/South - 1st Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 74.20; 2nd Pam Sherman/Pat Verdon 59.62; 3rd Gareth Stone/Brian Gardner 59.29. East/West - 1st John Pikoulis/Anne Johns 69.07; 2nd Anne Macdougall/Anne Hilary Jones 58.81; 3rd Jane Brook/Bunty Wiseman 58.49.

Results for Wednesday, March 4: North/South - 1st Diane Coates/Kathy Coates 63.89; 2nd Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 62.33; 3rd Anne Johns/Bunty Wiseman 58.68. East/West - 1st Joy Secular/Joan Andrews 65.04; 2nd Hazel Craig/Peter Craig 59.66; 3rd Moira Currie/Hilary Lawrence 57.33.

Sully Bridge Club are now attracting over 130 players a week during their three sessions on a Monday, Wednesday and Saturday - the sessions are very social and competitive played by a mature group.





# WALES POISED TO BURST GREEN BUBBLE



...and as that Irish comic genius Frank Carson might have said:

## 'It's going to be a craic-er!'

**T**HERE is something extra special about a Wales v Ireland clash that never fails to quicken the blood of players and supporters alike – long accustomed to seeing sparks fly when the two Celtic cousins put aside their usual close camaraderie for 80 minutes of mayhem – with some memorable 'tear-ups' over the years!

It all began on January 28, 1882 at Lansdowne Road, Dublin. Wales won that Home Nations opener and the next two, but the Irish soon found their feet and the now familiar pattern of close-fought contests and narrow outcomes emerged, with little to choose between the sides up to the 1970s 'golden era', when Wales won five on the trot.

In the '80s, it again levelled out, but in the '90s the pendulum swung the Irishmen's way. Incredibly, they have now won 16 out of the 23 games between the two since 1995 (including a record 54-10 victory in 2002).

Wales have triumphed on only seven occasions – which would not seem to augur well as the fancied Irish descend on an expectant Millennium Stadium this Saturday, in search of a rare Grand Slam.

However, bare statistics hardly convey the true picture of intense, evenly-contested games that more often than not could have swung either way.

To put this in context, overall Wales have won 65 of the 120 fixtures to Ireland's 49, with six matches drawn; and have amassed 1,401 points compared to Ireland's 1,304 total.

Moreover, while the Six Nations favourites have tasted success in Cardiff with 19 wins (just as the Dragon has done even more dramatically in Dublin, with 27 wins to Ireland's 28), they certainly cannot afford to be over-confident, with Wales having won 35 of the 56 match-ups on home soil and scoring 735 points to Ireland's 537.

So the stage is set for yet another epic showdown between proud Celtic rivals that has all the fascinating ingredients in place for what could well turn out to be the game of the championship.

After a lacklustre Welsh team lost to England and struggled against a rebuilding Scotland side that has since fallen to Italy, the high-flying Irish, having disposed of Italy, France and then England (in what some media pundits had prematurely billed as the Six Nations title decider),

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could have been forgiven for thinking the path was almost clear to their third Grand Slam.

If so, the emphatic Welsh victory in Paris will have changed their thinking and they now know they are facing a suddenly re-awakened Red Dragon, who will represent a decidedly more formidable (and familiar) proposition.

Indeed, the Irish camp have already acknowledged that this will be their toughest test to overcome in pursuit of the Six Nations title.

They will be buoyed by recent victories over Wales that include last year's 26-3 mauling at the Aviva stadium and the 30-22 win in Cardiff in 2013, as well as their cliff-edge win in 2009 at the Millennium Stadium.

It saw them achieve only their second Grand Slam in 67 years, when Stephen Jones' last gasp penalty attempt from halfway fell agonisingly short of the crossbar (fittingly, sitting in the crowd that day was Ireland's legendary Dr

Jack Kyle, star of the 1948 triumph, who sadly has since passed on).

However, there are growing signs that a Welsh fuse which is notoriously slow to burn, is poised to burst into flame in this penultimate match of the Six Nations, and stake Wales' own claim to the championship title.

The players were given a vote of confidence on Tuesday, when head coach Warren Gatland, who had not hesitated to make four changes in Paris to the team that won in Scotland, this time announced an unchanged line-up against Ireland.

It will be captained for a record 34th time by Sam Warburton. Gatland said that the team had been disappointing against England in the first match of the tournament and changes had had to be made.

Two tough away matches had seen a step up in performance, but he admitted that far more would be required against the confident men in green.

"They are the form team in Europe and we know it's going to be a huge battle," he admitted.

The Welsh camp is fully aware that Ireland's strategic kicking game revolves around their in-form halfbacks – in particular, the

talismanic Jonny Sexton, now declared fit after nursing a hamstring injury. How Wales deal with this twin threat will be the key factor.

Last weekend, the Welsh regions gave a timely, if unexpected, lift to national team morale by defeating all four Irish provinces for the first time in the Pro12.

Their success may be a happy omen and come Saturday evening, Warren Gatland's Wales could well be celebrating a full house – in more ways than one!

#### WALES TEAM

*Leigh Halfpenny (Toulon); George North (Northampton Saints), Jonathan Davies (ASM Clermont Auvergne), Jamie Roberts (Racing Metro), Liam Williams (Scarlets); Dan Biggar (Ospreys), Rhys Webb (Ospreys); Gethin Jenkins (Blues), Scott Baldwin (Ospreys), Samson Lee (Scarlets), Luke Charteris (Racing Metro), Alun Wyn Jones (Ospreys), Dan Lydiate (Ospreys), Sam Warburton (Blues, capt), Taulupe Faletau (Dragons).*

**REPLACEMENTS:** Richard Hibbard (Gloucester), Rob Evans (Scarlets), Aaron Jarvis (Ospreys), Jake Ball (Scarlets), Justin Tipuric (Ospreys), Mike Phillips (Racing Metro), Rhys Priestland (Scarlets), Scott Williams (Scarlets).

## Moment of inspiration gives Athletic the spoils



ABOVE: Lyndsey MaCausland palms off a would-be tackler, and RIGHT: Jake Williams makes a break. PICTURES BY GLENN SPOTTS.



**FOURTH** placed Merthyr came to Newbridge Fields confident of a league double over Bridgend Athletic, having won the reverse fixture 12-3.

In-form Bridgend Athletic had other ideas and probably their display of the season saw them take the spoils with a 15-10 win. The Athletic have now won six of their last nine games and picked up losing bonus points in their three losses.

Merthyr had first use of a strong breeze and kicked off with the Athletic having the sun in their eyes. The Athletic were camped inside the Iromen's 22 for the first six minutes – but despite many attempts from forwards Lloyd Griffiths, Matt Muir and Matthew Norman, could not breach a well organised defence.

Eventually the siege was cleared to halfway utilising the strong breeze. The Athletic now came under a lot of pressure themselves, but their defence was also equal to the task with back forward Ben Howe, Tom-Penry-Ellis and Sean Williams outstanding in defence.

The deadlock was broken in the 20th minute when from a five metre catch and

drive Merthyr scrum half Martin Luckwell broke off to cross wide out to put his side 5-0 ahead.

Merthyr were confident they could repeat this play and turned down two kickable penalties to go for five metre catch and drive lineouts. The Athletic pack, with captain Sean Williams like an octopus with his arms all over the ball, withstood the pressure.

One thrust at the Athletic line saw flanker Ben Howe dislodge the ball in the tackle. Wing Dan Howells picked up behind his try line and rounded his man to break away. His run was halted on halfway but the momentum set up the Athletic to launch a series of attacks of their own.

Merthyr digressed under pressure and outside half Josh White reduced the halftime deficit to 5-3 with a well struck penalty into the breeze.

Merthyr had brought a large vociferous crowd with them which was matched by the Athletics' home support. Both sets of supporters were to enjoy a feast of running in the second half.

Merthyr were putting the ball along the line at every opportunity. The Athletics' approach was more measured, using their

pack with driving mauls and young half backs Jake Williams and Josh White using the boot to create good field positions to launch the Athletic backs.

In a role reversal, Merthyr started the second half on the front foot. They could make no real headway against a determined Athletic eight and the tackling of centres Chris Price and Michael Hathaway, wings Dan Howells and Stuart Griffiths and full back Lyndsey MaCausland, who was like a rock in defence and always willing to counter attack.

The Athletic emulated Merthyr and broke out of defensive mode and a two minute siege on the Merthyr try line saw hooker Nathan Holman put lock Darren Deguerro over wide out for his first try of the season; Deguerro had only made the team off the bench with the late withdrawal of No 8 Matthew Hillman.

However the Athletic now have strength in depth in most positions and are able to rotate – particularly the pack – without weakening the team. This was also borne out by lock Lloyd Griffiths, starting only his fourth league game, winning the man of the match award.

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## Under-strength young Mules suffer defeat

**KENFIG** Hill youth started this game against Nantyffyllon with only one substitute and with what appeared a touchline of injured players; it was the strength of the respective benches that proved the difference between the two teams.

The first half was a keenly fought affair with both sides looking to play expansive rugby but with two solid defences on top. It was obvious the Nanty held the upper hand at the set piece with a strong scrum and a well organised driving lineout, but the Mules had a hard working scrambling defence which stopped the Nanty attacks in their tracks.

Both teams spent periods in each other's 22 but the only time the whitewash was broken was in the final minute of the first half when the Nanty forwards drove over from 10 metres.

Nanty made a number of changes at halftime with their key change at outside half. Nanty started the second half like a team transformed and playing into a slight wind they decided to keep the ball in hand and put on an excellent display of good handling and offloading to overwhelm Kenfig Hill in the opening 15 minutes of the second half to score three quick



ABOVE: Jack Briggs is tackled, while BELOW: Sam Young crosses the whitewash. PICTURES BY JOHN HYDE.



tries putting them into a 24-0 lead.

The Mules kept plugging away and following a deft chip ahead by fly half Jack Briggs, the ball bounced into the arms of full back Sam Young who dotted down under the posts.

Scrum half Connor Tantom added the conversion, however possession at the scrum was proving almost impossible with the Mules eight being shunted off the ball time and time again.

The game in broken play was now more even but the Mules weren't able to convert any further pressure into

points and Nanty possessed the skills and vision to break out of defence with devastating effect. They added two further converted tries before the final whistle to run out comfortable winners 38-7.

This was a disappointing outcome following such a promising first half but, as always, you couldn't fault the commitment and tenacity of the Kenfig Hill team with youngster Lewis Rees proving yet again pick of the bunch.

Congratulations to Nantyffyllon who give almost a faultless second half performance.

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